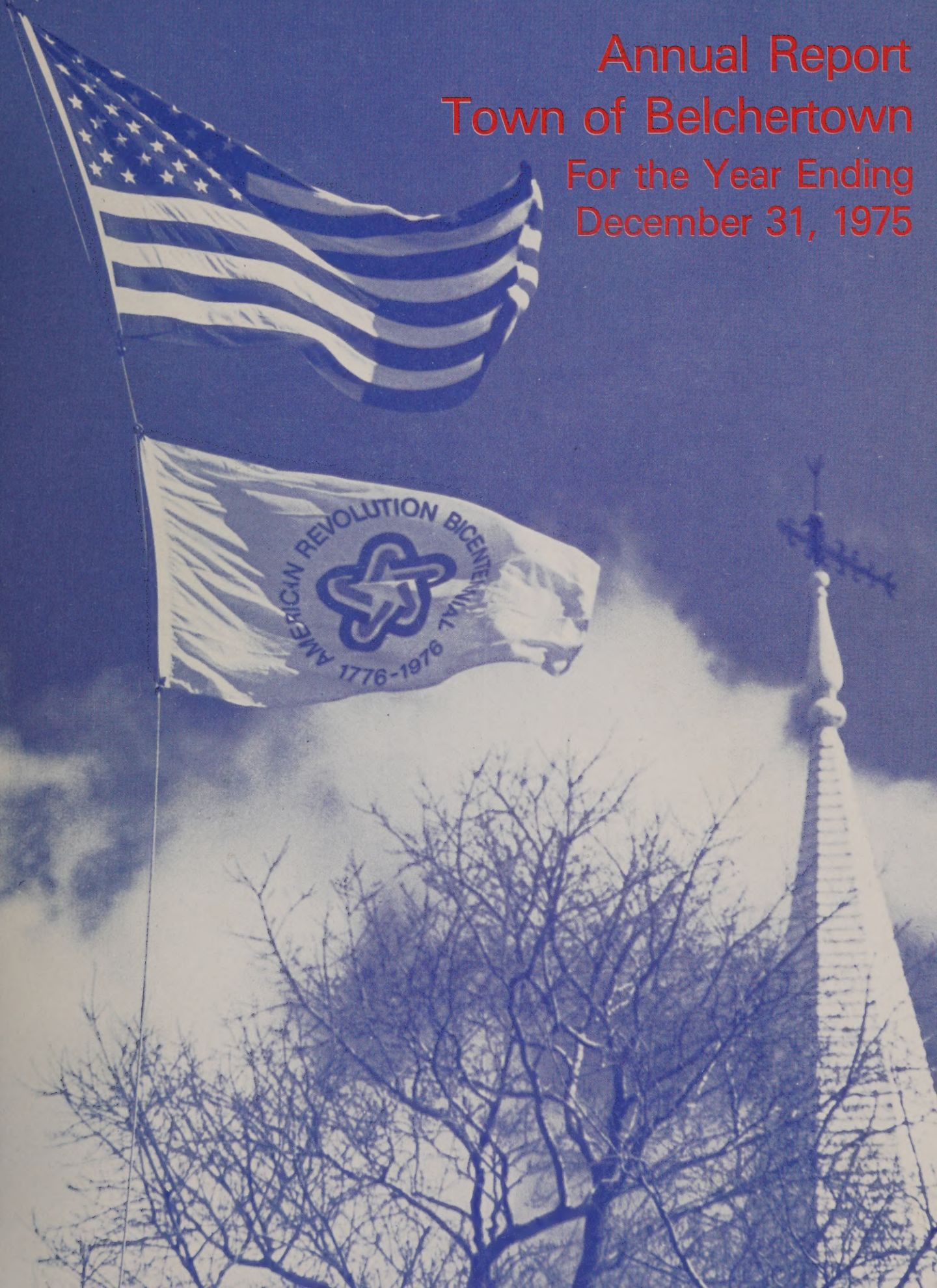


Annual Report
Town of Belchertown
For the Year Ending
December 31, 1975



GENERAL INFORMATION

Annual Town Meeting

Elections
Appropriations

2nd Monday in April
1st Monday in April

Tax Rate
General
School

\$14.90
36.10
\$51.00

School Population
Elementary
Junior High
Senior High

698
220
392
1310

Assessed Valuation

	1974	1975	Increase
Real Estate	\$25,565,035.00	\$26,475,690.00	+\$910,655.00
Personal Property	2,024,080.00	1,970,175.00	- 53,905.00
	<u>\$27,589,115.00</u>	<u>\$28,445,865.00</u>	<u>+\$856,750.00</u>

U.S. Senators

Edward M. Kennedy	Edward W. Brooke
Senate Office Building	Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C.	Washington, D. C.

U.S. Representative
Silvio O. Conte
House Office Building
Washington, D.C.

State Senator

Frederick W. Schlosstein
Warren, Massachusetts

State Representative
James R. Nolen
Ware, Massachusetts

County Commissioners

Office-Court Building, Northampton, Massachusetts

David B. Musante
29 Forest Glen Drive
Florence, Massachusetts

Paul R. Dineen
96 Pittroff Avenue
South Hadley, Massachusetts

John H. Brequet
70 High Street
Haydenville, Massachusetts

County Officers

Judge of Probate & Insolvency
Hon. Harry Jekanowski

Register of Deeds
Robert F. Czelusniak

Register of Probate & Insolvency
Frank E. Tuit, II

Clerk of Courts
Salvatore A. Polito

District Attorney Northwestern District

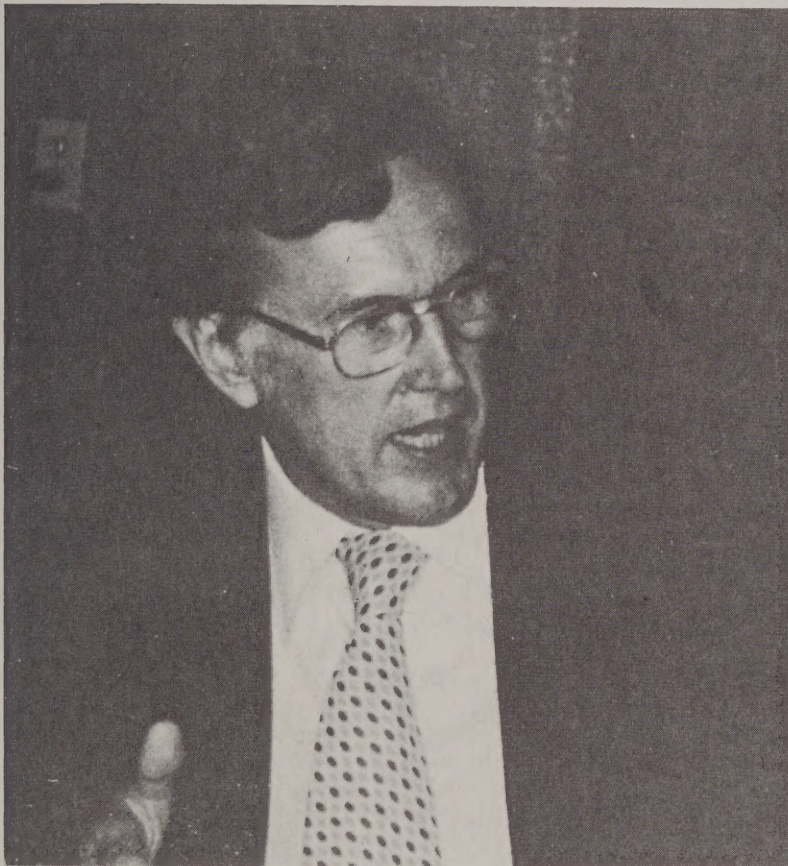
John M. Callahan
64 Woodbridge Terrace
South Hadley, Massachusetts

Sheriff
John F. Boyle

County Treasurer
William F. O'Connor

**Annual Report of the
Town of Belchertown
Year ending December 31, 1975**

IN MEMORIAM



Richard D. Pratt

July 21, 1926 - September 12, 1975

Dick was a resident of Belchertown for 24 years. Dick served on the Belchertown Finance Committee from 1966 - 1968 and the Belchertown School Committee from 1968 - 1975.

Dick loved Belchertown and serving it.
Dick loved people and enjoyed life.

Town Officers

Appointed Officers

Name	Office	Term Expires
	Moderator	
Joseph R. White		1976
	Town Clerk	
Carl J. Peterson, Jr.		1976
	Board of Selectmen	
Arthur J. Moriarty		1976
William H. Squires, Jr.		1976
Peter M. Dearness		1977
William Gerry Whitlock		1977
G. Parker Ketchen		1978
	Treasurer	
Carl J. Peterson, Jr.		1976
	Tax and Town Collector	
Carl J. Peterson, Jr.		1977
	School Committee	
Harold E. Mellin		1976
William M. Russell		1976
Richard D. Pratt (Deceased)		1977
George R. Harrell (Elected 10/75)		1976
Dorothy A. Rhodes		1978
George A. Smith, Jr.		1978
	Planning Board	
William M. Cary, Jr.		1976
Donald S. Cole		1977
John J. Sullivan, III		1978
Stanford J. Harrington		1979
Kenneth H. Snow		1980
	Cemetery Commissioners	
Paul C. Cook		1976
Daniel W. MacPhee		1977
Sidney T. Wheble		1978
	Board of Assessors	
Walter L. Papp		1976
Edward O. Lofland		1977
Samuel J. Joyal		1978
	Housing Authority	
Arlan V. Skinner		1976
Kenneth W. Thayer		1977
Louis J. Austin		1978
Sophia M. Pero		1979
Edmund F. Wallace		1980
	Tree Warden	
Albert W. Brown		1976
	Sewer Commissioners	
Harry L. Brougham		1976
Alfred P. Atwood		1977
Ronald E. Blaine		1978
	Board of Health	
John P. Bay (Resigned 4/75)		1976
Marcel F. Archambault (Elected 5/75)		1976
Linda H. Snow		1977
James A. Bonafini, Sr.		1978

Elected Officers

	Trustees, Calvin Bridgman Fund	
Kenneth H. Snow		1976
Rachel G. Shumway		1977
George A. Poole		1978
	Almoners-Whiting Street and Susan M.D. Bridgman Funds	
Virginia M. Hislop		1976
Janet L. Wood		1976
	Pathfinder Regional Vocational-Technical High School District Committee Member	
David A. Staples		1978
	Town Accountant	
Deborah A. Downing		6/30/77
	Assistant Town Accountant	
Eleanor W. Bock		6/30/76
	Assistant Town Clerk	
Margaret S. Kirby		6/30/76
	Assistant Town Treasurer	
Margaret S. Kirby		6/30/76
	Deputy Collector	
Margaret S. Kirby (office)		6/30/76
Norman C. Jeffery		6/30/76
	Finance Committee	
David G. Hodgen		1976
Donald C. McKenney		6/30/77
Bernard F. Wilkes, Jr.		6/30/77
George B. Jackson		6/30/78
Neil S. McCann		6/30/78
	Town Counsel	
Stephen B. Monsein, Attorney		6/30/76
	Chief of Police	
Ernest M. Gay		6/30/76
	Constable	
Ernest M. Gay		6/30/76
Elmer M. Potter		6/30/76
	Sergeant	
Elmer M. Potter		6/30/76
Merton L. Pratt		6/30/76
	Fire Chief & Forest Fire Warden	
Louis E. Fuller		6/30/76
	Planning Assistant-Planning Board	
Susan C. Michael		
	Superintendent of Streets	
Albert L. LePage		6/30/76
	Building Inspector	
Jack Hulmes, Jr.		6/30/76
	Assistant Building Inspector	
Marcel F. Archambault (Appt. 8/75)		6/30/76
	Inspector of Wiring	
Robert J. Henrichon		6/30/76
	Assistant Wiring Inspector	
Edward S. Czech		6/30/76
	Special Constable	
Norman C. Jeffery		6/30/76
	Dog Officer	
Wallace F. Chevalier		6/30/76

Assistant Dog Officer	
Robert W. Chevalier	6/30/76
Superintendent of Insect Pest Control	
Albert W. Brown	1976
Veterans Services Agent	
Earl F. Henrichon	6/30/76
Sealer of Weights & Measures	
Royal K. Gay	6/30/76
Zoning By-Law Enforcement Officer	
Susan C. Michael	6/30/76
Veterans Graves Officer	
Milton A. Butler	6/30/76
Registrars of Voters	
M. Rose Sorrell	1976
Ethel H. Hawkins	6/30/77
Lillian Austin	3/31/78
Board of Appeals	
Frank E. Farrington, Jr.	6/30/76
Arthur Davenport	6/30/77
Patrick D. Kamins	6/30/78
Peter J. Adzima (Assoc. Member)	6/30/76
Walter J. Carmody (Assoc. Member)	6/30/76
Fence Viewer & Field Driver	
No Appointment	
Fence Viewer & Pound Keeper	
No Appointment	
Fence Viewers	
William H. Squires, Jr.	6/30/76
David H. White	6/30/76
Civil Defense Director	
Robert H. Phoenix	6/30/76
Radio Operators	
Philip Depot	6/30/76
Roy M. Nonnemaker	6/30/76
Civil Defense Department	
John J. Moran, Jr.	6/30/76
David A. Brooke, Jr. (Cancelled 5/75)	
Recreation Director	
Richard R. Hebert	6/30/76
Parks, Beach & Recreation	
Richard K. Cook	1976
June D. Smith	1976
Shirley A. Dorey	6/30/77
Jay Evans	6/30/78
Michael P. Fargue	6/30/78
War Memorial Committee	
Edward O. Lofland	6/30/76
Carl J. Peterson, Jr.	6/30/77
Alice Samborski	6/30/77
Robert W. Chevalier	6/30/78
Food Stamp Representative	
Louise Wadsworth (Appointed 8/75)	
Rationing Board	
Wilfred N. Ridenour	6/30/76
Public Weighers	
Claude Beaudoin	6/30/76
Stanford J. Harrington	6/30/76
Robert L. Methot	6/30/76
Herbert Squires	6/30/76
Joseph W. Tolpa, Jr.	6/30/76
Joseph W. Tolpa, Sr.	6/30/76

Police Advisory Board	
Arthur H. Brennen	6/30/76
Frank E. Farrington, Jr.	6/30/76
Charles F. Howard	6/30/76
Chief Ernest M. Gay (Advisory Member)	6/30/76
G. Parker Ketchen (Advisory Member)	6/30/76
Development & Industrial Committee	
Michael J. Geser	6/30/76
Edward H. Parker	6/30/76
Peter M. Dearness	6/30/77
Patrick D. Kamins	6/30/77
Bruno S. Land	6/30/78
Conservation Commission	
Gary D. Kellogg	1976
Kenneth W. Rhodes	1976
Barbara E. Sullivan (Resigned 6/75)	6/30/77
Eleanor Schmidt (Appointed 8/75)	6/30/77
Leslie A. Campbell	6/30/77
Andrew J. Sears	6/30/77
Louis B. LaFromboise	6/30/78
George Leclerc (Appointed 10/75)	6/30/78
Lower Pioneer Valley Regional Planning Commission	
William M. Cary, Jr.	4/12/76
Stanford J. Harrington (Alternate)	4/12/76
Lower Pioneer Valley	
Joint Transportation Committee	
Gary LeBeau	(Resigned 3/75)
Land Evaluation Study Committee	
Robin Brown (Resigned 8/75)	6/30/76
Dr. Robert L. Carl, Jr.	6/30/76
Kenneth Dorey	6/30/76
Shirley Dorey	6/30/76
Edmond Gingras	6/30/76
Douglas Magee	6/30/76
Donna Muller (Resigned 10/75)	6/30/76
Henry Renouf	6/30/76
Dorothy Rhodes	6/30/76
Andrew J. Sears	6/30/76
Janise Fitzpatrick (Appointed 8/75)	6/30/76
Robert Knudsen (Appointed 9/75)	Adv. Member
Historical Commission	
Shirley A. Bock	1976
Gerald G. Tremaine	1976
John Fitzgerald	6/30/77
Doris M. Dickinson (Resigned 11/75)	6/30/78
Helen F. Lister	6/30/78
Edith Nyman (Appointed 11/75)	6/30/78
Bicentennial Commission	
Nora Austin	6/30/77
Joanne Dearness	6/30/77
Geraldine Geser	6/30/77
Lynda Hartshorn	6/30/77
Martin Keoughan	6/30/77
David Rhodes	6/30/77
Margaret Nagy	6/30/77
Water Supply Study Committee	
(Appointed 11/74)	
W. Daniel Fitzpatrick	Final Report
Milton R. Locke	Final Report
William I. Shattuck, Jr.	Final Report

Council on Aging

Rev. Thomas B. Pierce	1976
Victoria T. Sears	1976
Alan R. Wood (Resigned 6/75)	6/30/76
Martin Keoughan (Appointed 8/75)	6/30/76
Marion Harrington	6/30/77
Alice Hussey Peden	6/30/77
Louise C. Wadsworth (Resigned 12/75)	6/30/77
Valmore G. Beaudry (Resigned 12/75)	6/30/78
June S. Henneman (Resigned 10/75)	6/30/78
Arlena MacPherson	6/30/78
Irene B. Orlando	6/30/78
Mary Avery (Appointed 12/75)	6/30/78

School Site Study Committee (Appointed 11/74)

Charlotte Duda	Final Report
Edward H. Gates	Final Report
Harold E. Mellin	Final Report
Donna Muller (Resigned 10/75)	Final Report
Roy M. Nonnemaker	Final Report
Richard B. Shepard	Final Report
Molly Weir	Final Report
Otto H. McClure (Appointed 12/75)	Final Report

Police Officers Chief

Ernest M. Gay	6/30/76
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Full Time

Robert A. Knight	6/30/76
Henry E. McManus	6/30/76

Sergeant

Elmer M. Potter	6/30/76
Merton L. Pratt	6/30/76

Constable

Ernest M. Gay	6/30/76
Elmer M. Potter	6/30/76

Officers

Patricia W. Antonovitch	6/30/76
Paul F. Austin	6/30/76
Lester W. Beaudoin (Church)	6/30/76
Raymond E. Breton	6/30/76
Alfred H. Burns	6/30/76
David A. Conkey	6/30/76
Edward S. Czech (Church)	6/30/76
Thomas M. Dranka	6/30/76
Herbert E. Squires	6/30/76
Philip N. Vanasse	6/30/76
William C. Zobka	6/30/76
Ernest M. Gay, Jr. (Appointed 8/75)	6/30/76
Robert L. Methot	6/30/76

Special Police-School Traffic

Patricia Antonovitch	6/30/76
Lillian C. Austin	6/30/76
James R. Lodge	6/30/76
Jane L. Hamel (Appointed 11/75)	6/30/76

All Other Specials

A. Preston Atwood	6/30/76
Randolph H. Brown	6/30/76
Robert W. Chevalier	6/30/76
Wallace F. Chevalier	6/30/76
Alexander M. Cochrane	6/30/76

Ralph Goodreau (S.R.S. Club)	6/30/76
Henry L. Lloyd (S.R.S. Club)	6/30/76
Ronald Zobka (S.R.S. Club)	6/30/76
Susan C. Michael	6/30/76

Board of Health Appointments Report Clerk

Charlotte P. Ketchen	1976
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Agent Sanitarian

John A. Brickett	1976
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Inspector of Animals

Lewis J. Austin	1976
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Inspector of Plumbing

Edward F. Czupkiewicz	1976
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Special Agent at Belchertown State School

Aran Kasparyan, M.D.	1976
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Advisor to Board

Kenneth L. Collard, M.D.	1976
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Selectmen's Report

The Board of Selectmen met and organized as follows for the year 1975: Arthur J. Moriarty, Chairman; Peter M. Dearness, Vice-Chairman, Clerk, and Parks, Beach, Recreation Liaison; William Gerry Whitlock, Highway Liaison; G. Parker Ketchen, Police Liaison; and William H. Squires, Jr., Liaison to the Planning Board and Community Services.

This year we saw the completion of the new modern, efficient Town Highway Garage. The new building is capable of handling all the highway equipment plus space for maintenance work. The Town Engineering Aide, A.J. LaFleur, also has his office at the garage making him readily available to the Highway Superintendent and to the public.

The value of our CETA employees was most evident during 1975. Our CETA employees included secretaries, custodians, maintenance men, carpenters, historians, an engineering aide, and a police officer, most of whom are still with us.

Possibly the most worthwhile project accomplished by a CETA employee, which is evident to the public, was the complete interior renovation of the Old Town Hall, the new office of the Selectmen, interior finish of the Town Garage, and the painting of the town offices and the library. Another CETA employee can be credited for the typing of the Master Plan and the 1975 Annual Report thereby saving the cost of offset printing.

Other CETA employees are responsible for cataloging the Town records and the many miscellaneous details of making government run more efficiently.

The Personnel By-Law Study Committee has put in many long hours during 1975 and should be ready for the Annual Town Meeting with a new set of Personnel By-Laws and Personnel Classification.

The Council on Aging has expanded into a very worthwhile program for Belchertown's elderly under the direction of Mrs. Louise Wadsworth.

The year 1975 saw the Town deeply involved in highway safety. A new layout has been drawn up for a grade crossing on Route 181 to replace the dry bridge. The Department of Public Utilities must approve this layout before any action can be taken. A new layout has been completed on the very dangerous Isaac's Corner and is now awaiting approval. Every bridge in town has been inspected by Huntley Associates for safety regulations required by the state. The state will now post the legal load limits set by this inspection. This survey showed structural deterioration of the Red Bridge. Since this bridge is owned jointly by Belchertown and Ware, we are now in communication with the Ware Selectmen to remedy the situation.

The Department of Public Works has been working with Chief Gay to post speed zones for the Town. Chief Gay applied for and received under the Highway Safety Program a Safety Patrol Car. This gives the Town an additional cruiser at no purchase cost.

The Sanitary Landfill hours have been expanded to four days and the work at the landfill is now done completely by the Highway Department rather than private contractors. The 1975 Annual Town Meeting approved the purchase of equipment for this project which will, hopefully, save a substantial amount of money for the Town.

The Board has tried to establish a closer relationship with other Boards, Committees, and Department heads by meeting regularly with them to discuss mutual problems and projects. We hope through this effort we will have a smoother, more efficient Town Government with everyone working toward a common goal.

Respectfully submitted,
Arthur J. Moriarty
Chairman

Housing Authority Report

The Belchertown Housing Authority has one 667 project, State Aided Housing for the Elderly, in operation. The project, Everett Acres, consists of 48 apartments which are fully occupied. We have a waiting list of less than 30 interested individuals. There is currently an average waiting period of about 18 months from the date of application to eligibility for an apartment.

To apply for an apartment, an individual must be at least 62 years of age or handicapped, be a citizen of the United States, and have a net annual income of less than \$4,500. per year. A couple may have a net annual income of less than \$5,000. per year. Rents are 25% of net income and include heat, light, water, and maintenance service. Rents cover a wide range as they are based on each individual's income. However, our average, with all rents computed, is \$62.00 per unit per month. The estimated operating deficit for fiscal year 1976 is \$12,500. This figure does not include interest and principal due on construction notes which are slightly in excess of \$1,000,000.00.

There have never been sufficient applicants for the Authority to apply for additional units, and there are currently no state funds available for new construction of "Elderly" or rental subsidized housing.

Belchertown Housing Authority
Edmund F. Wallace, Chairman
Louis J. Austin
Arlan V. Skinner
Kenneth W. Thayer
Sophia M. Pero

Town Accountant's Report

I hereby submit my annual report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1975.

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah A. Downing
Town Accountant

RECEIPTS

GENERAL REVENUE

TAXES

Local

Property	\$1,156,703.92
Tax Title Redempt.	-0-
Farm Animal Excise	976.14
Lieu Taxes	135,156.54
State Local Aid Fund	
Valuation Basis	21,626.56
School Aid	539,167.68

\$1,853,630.84

LICENSES AND PERMITS

Alcoholic Beverage	5,135.00
All Other	10,100.27

15,235.27

FINES AND FORFEITS

Court Fines	1,335.00
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GRANTS AND GIFTS

Federal

School

Public Law 864	2,457.03
Public Law 874	3,618.00
Food Services	615.30
Other Public Laws	28,788.75

35,479.08

State

School

Transportation	85,216.08
Vocational Educ.	92,087.42
Food Services	37,462.17
Bldg. Assistance	23,250.00
Other	60,931.12

Other Purposes

Highways- Chap. 81	32,036.35
Chap. 497	80,763.93
Library Aid	2,226.00
Lottery	51,057.89
Other	37.03

465,067.99

County

Dog Fund

4,131.99

Gifts from Individuals

70.00

ALL OTHER GENERAL REVENUE \$330.20

SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS

Sewer Connections 400.00

PRIVILEGES

Motor Vehicle	\$204,456.07
Trailer	6,936.00

\$211,392.07

DEPARTMENTAL

General Gov't

Selectmen	6.00
Assessors	50.00
Collector	1,123.79
Town Clerk	1,734.03
Planning Board	25.00
Appeals Board	360.00
Town Buildings	366.00
Building Dept.	145.00
Other Depts.	25.00

3,834.82

Public Safety

Police Dept.	6,429.79
Fire Dept.	1.00
Forestry	7,507.00
Sealer	287.85
Other	110.00

14,335.64

Health & Sanitation

Other Health	1,140.50
Sewer Rentals	14,048.56
Refuse	247.50
Sanitation	84.90

15,521.46

Highways

General	3,577.45
Chapter 90	28,500.00
Chapter 825	33,425.00
Machinery	1,507.40

67,009.85

Veterans' Services

6,242.00

Schools

Tuition	22.40
Sale Supplies	194.30
Photo Musicale	1,191.14
Other	1,382.55
Sale of Lunches	46,595.86
Athletic Revolving	2,519.96

51,906.21

Unclassified

Sale of Buildings 275.50

CEMETERIES

Sale of Lots	750.00
Care of Lots	910.00
Miscellaneous	2,310.00

3,970.00

INTEREST		
On Deposits	17,123.09	
On Taxes	2,692.65	
On Motor Vehicle	440.13	
On Investments	16,457.68	
On Federal Revenue Sharing	7,259.04	
On Trust Funds		
Assistance	3,499.20	
Cemeteries	1,500.00	
Miscellaneous	378.15	
		49,349.94
MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS		
Temporary Loans		
Antic. of Reimbursement		113,268.25
AGENCY, TRUST, INVESTMENT		
Agency		
Licenses State	7,703.25	
Dog Licenses	3,693.65	
Deposits of Services	400.00	
Payroll Deductions		
Federal	182,821.70	
State	55,461.69	
Group Insurance	25,210.98	
Retirement	17,498.63	
Trust		
Perpetual Care	219.05	
Other Trusts	588.89	
Investments	1,700,000.00	
		1,993,597.84
REFUNDS		
General Gov't	485.00	
Public Safety	56.42	
County Tax	12,108.35	
Veterans' Benefits	463.00	
Schools	637.30	
Unclassified	9,989.00	
All Other	154.09	
Revenue Sharing	214.68	
		24,107.84
REVENUE SHARING		
Entitlements		110,800.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	5,041,291.79	
BALANCE June 30, 1974	835,130.46	
TOTAL RECEIPTS & CASH	\$5,876,422.25	

EXPENDITURES		
GENERAL GOVERNMENT		
Selectmen, Salaries		\$5,200.00
Expenses		
Personnel By-Laws	\$ 200.00	
Meetings, etc.	897.69	
Dues	446.00	
Mileage	766.69	
Telephone	1,105.43	
Office Supplies	527.39	
Postage	130.00	
Box Rent	10.05	
Advertising	876.95	
Books	170.00	
Other	12.99	
		5,143.19
Town Accountant & Admin.		
Secretary, Salary		7,800.00
Assistant, Salary		5,900.00
Expenses		
Clerical Wage	8.25	
Dues, Mtgs., Mileage	426.02	
Office Supplies	206.89	
Postage	40.00	
Maint. Agreements	99.00	
Repairs	43.10	
Name Plates	14.00	
Out of State Travel	200.00	
		1,037.26
Treasurer, Salary		3,706.00
Assistant, Salary		3,104.00
Office Assistant, Salary		2,570.80
Expenses		
Clerical Wage	400.11	
Postage	790.00	
Office Supplies	503.56	
Dues, Mtgs., Mileage	28.30	
Bonds	412.00	
Repairs, Maint.	57.60	
Meter Rental	150.00	
Maint. Agreement	126.83	
Desk	267.30	
		2,735.70
Collector, Salary		3,938.00
Assistant, Salary		3,104.00
Office Assistant, Salary		2,570.80
Expenses		
Clerical Wages	2,732.51	
Postage	897.54	
Office Supplies	1,284.48	
Dues, Mtgs., Mileage	68.69	
Bonds	563.00	
Other	52.20	
		5,598.42

Assessors, Salaries	\$ 2,100.00	
Expenses		
Clerical Wages	\$12,016.55	
Maintaining Valuation Wage	2,851.64	
Box Rent, Postage	182.40	
Supplies	1,273.26	
Transfers, Deeds	286.00	
Maintenance Agreement	49.50	
Telephone	316.19	
Dues, Meetings, Mileage	798.02	
School	72.00	
Capital Expenditures	472.76	
School Wage	129.50	
Repairs	52.50	
Map Updating	1,185.00	
Maps	355.50	
	20,040.82	
Finance Committee		
Expenses		
Dues, Meetings, Mileage	122.10	
Office Supplies	5.25	
	127.35	
Town Clerk, Salary	1,848.00	
Assistant Clerk, Salary	1,552.00	
Office Assistant, Salary	1,284.90	
Expenses		
Wage	127.87	
Postage, Box Rent	313.40	
Telephone	332.48	
Dues, Meetings, Mileage	57.50	
Bonds	40.00	
Books	231.75	
Office Supplies	100.63	
Maintenance Agreement	49.50	
Advertising	252.00	
Desks and Chairs	385.06	
	1,890.19	
Law Account		
Retainer Fee	3,000.00	
Dues, Travel	34.85	
	3,034.85	
Special Law Account		
Services	450.00	
Election and Registration		
Expenses		
Clerical Wages	850.11	
All Other Wages	2,723.60	
Office Supplies	611.62	
Postings	35.00	
Street Listing Wage	1,245.55	
Mileage	42.56	
Meals	213.58	
Postage, Meetings	111.60	
Clerk, Salary	100.00	
	5,933.62	

Planning Board		
Zoning Salary		\$7,280.00
Expenses		
Dues, Mtgs., Mileage	\$ 676.41	
Postage	60.25	
Office Supplies	844.60	
Telephone	296.32	
Advertising	161.26	
Engineering Serv.	135.10	
Master Plan	893.91	
Water Study	1,200.00	
Street Survey	3,000.00	
	7,267.85	
Board of Appeals		
Expenses		
Wages	620.53	
Postage	104.45	
Advertising	611.56	
Supplies	45.61	
Other	14.04	
	1,396.19	
Conservation Commission		
Expenses		
Operational Soils Report		13,123.00
Council on Aging		
Expenses		
Postage	252.55	
Supplies	329.52	
Xeroxing	94.18	
Dues, Mtgs., Mileage	261.66	
File	120.75	
Telephone	63.80	
Rent	150.00	
	1,272.46	
Bicentennial Commission		
Expenses		
Supplies	40.63	
Play, Certificates & Badges	189.85	
	230.48	
Lawrence Memorial Hall		
Expenses		
Wages	825.00	
Utilities	788.18	
Care of Grounds	346.25	
Supplies	2,596.82	
Keys	52.65	
Door and New Window	675.50	
	5,284.40	
Town Garage		
Expenses		
Utilities	1,752.56	

Supplies	1,074.28		Dog Officer		
Maint., Repairs, Equip.	52.82		Expenses		
Telephone	276.21		Investigations	\$595.00	
Storage Bldg.-repair	801.51		Excavations	50.00	
Books	14.00		Restraining Orders	105.00	
		3,971.38	Postage & Supplies	58.60	
New Garage Erection		30,447.17	Dog Trap	104.05	
Old Town Hall			Moving Dog Pound	25.00	
Expenses					\$937.65
Utilities	2,604.46		Insect Pest Control		
Repair & Replace	887.33		Expenses		
		3,491.79	Wages	100.00	
Census			Hired Equipment	1,092.50	
Expenses			Materials	253.50	
Wages	1,585.75	1,585.75			1,446.00
			Dutch Elm Disease		
PUBLIC SAFETY			Expenses		
Police Department			Wages	1,842.50	
Chief, Salary		12,060.95	Hired Equipment	997.50	
Patrolman, Salary		7,112.76			2,840.00
Expenses			Tree Warden		
Wages	35,014.36		Expenses		
Telephone	1,964.73		Wages	1,999.00	
Postage, Off. Supplies	976.23		Hired Equipment	1,348.50	
Gas, Oil, Tires	7,972.13		Meetings, Dues, Mileage	50.84	
Maint. Vehicles	2,948.55				3,398.34
Radios	866.15		Wiring Inspector		
Advertising	16.80		Expenses		
Equipment, Badges, Uniforms	1,828.75		Supplies & Mileage	176.80	
Schooling & Travel	720.60		Inspections	614.00	
Pistol Permits	20.00				790.80
Photographer	291.60		Building Inspector		
Cruiser	3,504.93		Salary		75.00
Lights for Cruiser	557.75		Expenses		
Police Academy-Tuition	75.00		Inspections	785.00	
Ambulance Licenses	25.00		Office Supplies	103.22	
Other	210.25		Mileage	132.58	
		56,992.83	School Wages	150.00	
Fire Department					1,170.80
Chief, Salary		800.00	Civil Defense		
Expenses			Director, Salary		350.00
Wages	3,140.00		Expenses		760.75
Utilities	1,995.85		HEALTH AND SANITATION		
Repair & Replace	3,038.30		Board of Health, Salaries		400.01
Supplies & Equipment	1,227.72		Wages		
Dues and Publications	37.50		Perc Tests	784.00	
Snow Plowing	84.00		Sanitarian, Salary	650.00	
Radios	231.51		Animal Inspector	300.00	
Burning Permits	60.00		Plumbing Inspector	504.00	
Gas & Oil	6.55		Clerk, Wages	100.00	
Other	63.55				2,338.00
		9,884.98	Expenses		
Hydrant Service		4,500.00	Sanitarian	390.00	
Water Storage Holes		209.00	Pest Control	120.00	
Sealer of Weights & Measures					
Salary		300.00			
Expenses, Mileage, etc.		104.76			

Clinics	1,416.00		Materials	10,697.73	
Office Supplies	105.96		Hired Equipment	16,904.03	
Subscriptions, Dues,			Paving	4,695.03	37,126.86
Mileage	611.71				
Nurse Services	2,150.00		Chapter 90 Improvement		
Polio Clinic	373.00		Expenses		
		5,166.67	Wages	385.45	
Sewer Maintenance			Hired Equipment	1,267.20	
Commissioners, Salaries		650.00	Materials	14,528.08	
Expenses			Paving	10,819.27	27,000.00
Wages	1,460.75				
Hired Equipment	253.50		Chapter 81 - 1974		
Supplies & Materials	783.66		Expenses		
Mowing	75.00		Wages	8,963.38	
Sewer Sealing	8,065.55		Hired Equipment	300.00	
Sewer Engineering	129.25		Material	18,154.95	27,418.33
Repair & Replace	295.00				900.00
State School Lagoon	21,508.16		Sidewalks		
Truck Rental	60.00		Streets		
		32,630.87	Expenses		
Town Dump			Wages	4,592.15	
Expenses			Hired Equipment	216.00	
Custodian Wages	1,265.40		Materials	7,592.84	12,400.99
Other Wages	1,008.45				
Bulldozing	14,523.00		Bridges		
Materials	243.08		Expenses		
Hired Equipment	1,200.00		Materials	2,999.81	2,999.81
Advertising	16.00				
		18,255.93	Dump Truck	11,784.33	11,784.33
Payroll-Sanitary Landfill Area-			Maintenance		
Execution of Plans		84.90	Expenses		
			Wages	21,318.14	
HIGHWAYS			Materials	27,264.59	
Superintendent's Salary		11,100.00	Hired Equipment	3,222.55	
General			Engineer	3,974.44	
Expenses			Paving	16,542.28	72,322.00
Wages	20,538.27				
Holidays	2,565.20		Railroad Crossings		
Hired Equipment	5,069.00		Springfield Road		6,700.00
Materials	1,439.67		Bardwell Street		5,295.37
Rubbish Removal	1,040.00				
Crosswalk Painting	200.00		Snow Removal		
Town Equipment	21.30		Expenses		
Call Time	250.50		Wages	9,577.69	
Engineer	356.81		Hired Equipment	13,011.75	
Street Signs	637.50		Cutting Edges	534.65	
Mowing	2,420.00		Materials	250.00	
Brushcutting	4,412.50		Salt	8,798.38	
		38,950.75	Sand	5,943.00	
Sick Leave		2,785.20	Calcium Chloride	839.38	38,954.85
Vacation Leave		1,375.20			
Chapter 90 Construction 1973			Road Machinery Expense		
Expenses			Expenses		
Hired Equipment	92.72	92.72	Diesel Fuel	1,132.38	
Chapter 90 Construction 1974			Fuel Tax	233.89	
Expenses			Repair & Maintain	2,067.12	
Wages	3,439.97		Gas and Oil	7,729.77	
Town Equipment	1,390.10		Materials	5,007.07	

Cutting Edge	130.00		Expenses		
Other	25.84		Transportation	90,968.31	
		16,326.07	Office Supplies	44.42	
Street Lighting		11,874.46	Athletic Sup.	3,061.03	
VETERANS' DEPARTMENT			Fees & Dues	156.10	
Veterans' Agent, Salary		1,070.00	Chapter 766 Mem-		
Expenses			bership	1,062.77	
Wage	711.36		Cleaning	353.48	
Postage	30.00		Field Trip	5,867.79	
Supplies	18.06		Supplies	1,280.36	
		759.42	Chaperones, etc.	2,519.00	
Veterans' Benefits			Health Supplies	363.99	
Expenses			Cap. Expend.	97.66	
Ordinary Benefits	18,565.99		School Assembly	75.00	
Heat	1,107.55		Repairs	30.91	
Hospital	2,261.20		Other	25.00	105,905.82
Medication	366.15				
Nurses & Doctors	663.50		Operation & Maintenance #4000		
School Allotment	392.00		Salaries		77,473.37
Food	80.01		Expenses		
Metpath	32.95		Telephone	5,382.58	
		23,469.35	Electric	19,110.94	
SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES			Heat	35,253.21	
School Department			Care of Grounds	5,705.40	
General Control #1000			Repair & Maintain	32,006.05	
Salaries		34,874.23	Supplies	29,623.41	
Expenses			Pest Control	2,167.00	
Postage	147.49		Water	505.36	
Dues, Mtgs., Mileage	1,475.80		Franklin School		
Supplies	513.09		Addition	27,581.10	
Subscriptions, Books	164.54		Van	3,590.75	
Insurance	490.50		Equipment, Misc.	5,944.91	
Advertising	214.61		Carpet & Cabinets	1,225.59	
Supplies	69.86		Rubbish Removal	190.75	
Legal Services	265.00		Rentals	106.38	
Out of State Travel	18.61		Guarantee Agreement	4,607.31	173,000.74
Other	48.00				
		3,407.50	Equipment #7000		
Instruction #2000			Expenses		
Salaries		910,089.76	TV Set	132.85	
Expenses			Athletic Supplies	488.79	
Box Rent, Postage	731.13		Whirlpool	698.84	
Dues	615.50		Wall Screen	273.60	
Periodicals, Books	24,471.90		Golf Supplies	426.52	
Office Supplies	2,040.30		Easel	98.49	
Teaching Supplies	54,353.69		Model Craft Unit	189.00	
Audio-Visual	5,285.64		Chairs, Desks	6,492.89	
Driver Ed Car	1,175.79		Tape Recorder	249.00	
Title III	29,999.92		Tables	749.50	
Meetings, Mileage	4,603.44		Files	720.95	10,520.43
Advertising	56.00				
Photo-Musicale	2,616.41		Programs with Other Schools #9000		
Teacher schooling	851.95		Tuition	6,303.50	
Chapter 766	370.23		Transportation	15,599.00	
Out of State Travel	1,263.63		Chapter 766	1,113.30	23,015.80
		128,435.53			
ther School Services #3000			Photo Musicale		
Salaries		35,868.77	Expenses, Travel, Supplies,		
			Postage		279.54

Clapp Memorial Library

Expenses

Wages	\$ 5,649.96
Mileage	93.80
Books, Periodicals	1,853.47
Utilities	1,753.32
Supplies	353.51
Insurance	629.00
Care of Grounds	195.56
Repairs	31.20

\$ 10,559.82

RECREATION AND UNCLASSIFIED

Parks, Beach, & Recreation Recreation Director, Salary

6,220.18

Expenses

Wages	5,752.30
Utilities	144.55
Care of Grounds	719.75
Replace & Repair	1,108.64
Supplies	1,726.31
Insurance	162.20
Other	26.13

9,639.88

Unclassified Account

Expenses

3 M Copier	1,680.20
Certification Fee	5.00
Celebration	391.09
Bus for Town Mtg.	30.00

2,106.29

Printing Town Report

2,045.55

Unpaid Bills of 1973-74

4,703.75

Patriotic Exercises

203.20

Rental of American Legion

100.00

Insurance Account

27,240.58

Town Clock

300.00

Pathfinder, Capital

37,091.90

Pathfinder, Operating

132,627.83

Town Common

891.83

Common Memorial

315.00

CEMETERIES

Commissioners, Salaries

600.00

Expenses

Wages	1,357.75
Snow Removal	220.00
Open & Close	1,075.00
Raking & Mowing	5,843.55
Repair & Replace	548.31
Supplies	174.76
Postage & Adv.	38.38

9,257.75

Veterans' Graves

Expenses

Wages	40.00
Flags	144.00

184.00

INTEREST AND MATURING DEBT

Interest

1949 Sewer	\$ 12.50
School Project	13,252.50
Refund, Real Estate	
Tax Bill	41.76
Note #277, Temp. Loan	
Antic. of Reimb.	411.08

\$13,717.84

Maturing Debt

1949 Sewer	1,000.00
School Project	45,000.00
Antic. of Reimb.	
RR Crossing	34,800.00

80,800.00

PETTY CASH

Assessors	25.00
Board of Appeals	50.00
Town Accountant	315.00
School Lunch	25.00
School Dept. #1000	50.00
School Dept. #2000	100.00

565.00

TOWN APPROPRIATIONS

Blue Cross-Blue Shield

16,379.99 16,379.99

Group Life

939.72 939.72

Pensions

23,546.38 23,546.38

STATE & COUNTY ASSESSMENTS

State Recreation Areas

18,946.12

Motor Vehicle Bills

798.00

LPV Air Pollution

484.78

LPV Regional Planning

1,116.96

State Assessment System

230.48

County Tax

92,918.62

PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS

Federal Withholding

178,775.90

State Withholding

53,154.70

Retirement

16,814.81

Blue Cross-Employees

17,615.22

Blue Cross-Pensioners

174.00

Blue Cross-OME

2,295.35

Group Life

1,297.04

Cancer Care

1,467.50

REFUNDS

Current Year

Real Estate

4,392.62

Personal

9.90

Motor Vehicle Excise-1974

5,890.53

1975

535.90

Sewer Rentals 50.87

Previous Years
Real Estate 1,779.53
Personal 162.80
Motor Vehicle Excise 722.40

AGENCY, TRUST & INVESTMENT

Agency

Sporting Licenses 7,703.25
Dog Licenses 3,716.20

Trust

Cemetery Perpetual Care Bequests 850.00
Cemetery Perpetual Care Income 2,057.32
Susan Bridgman Cemetery Fund 130.00
Nellie E. Brown Cemetery Fund 14.05
Whiting Street Poor Fund 79.52
Calvin Bridgman High School Fund 172.37
Susan Bridgman Poor Fund-Income 337.00
Stabilization Fund 150,000.00

Public Laws

91-230 VI B Equipment 2,200.06
91-230 VI B Crisis 14,966.25
ESEA 89-10 I Summer 1974 7,400.00
89-10 I 73-74 School Year 900.00
89-10 II Library 2,077.04
89-10 I Project Assist 7,332.10

Revolving Fund

School Lunch
Food 57,341.77
Expense 9,390.54
Wage 13,915.05
80,647.36

High School Athletics 3,925.39
Book Fund 15.48
Industrial Arts 159.71
Band Revolving 864.60

Off Duty Work Details

Police 3,539.00
Highway 50.00
Schools 182.25
3,771.25

Insurance Claims

Police Radio 658.00
Police Cruiser 2,049.14
2,707.14

Investments

General Cash 1,800,000.00

DOG OFFICER FEES

Care and Custody 2,576.00
Destroying 396.00
2,972.00

FEDERAL REVENUE SHARING

Fire Department-Tanker Repair 2,656.72
SLFA Execution of Plans 1,459.50
Highway Garage Renderings 5,919.73
School Fire Alarms 4,324.38
Highway Garage Erection 189,600.00
Fire Truck 46,199.00
Police Cruiser 2,824.56
Engineering Services
Tripod 72.25
Steel Tape 57.65
Stadia Rod 75.25
File 95.40
Transit 600.00
Drafting Table 293.20
Planning Board
Desk 225.00
Portable Light 51.50
Tree Warden-Trees 300.00
Police Department
Typewriter Table 69.09
Typewriter 292.05
Building Inspector-File 95.60
Selectmen-Table 64.88
Fire Department-Radio 905.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURES 5,313,707.94
BALANCE JUNE 30, 1975 562,714.31
TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND CASH \$ 5,876,422.25



TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN
BALANCE SHEET - JUNE 30, 1975

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

Assets

Liabilities and Reserves

Cash:				Temporary Loans:			
General	\$537,484.19			In Anticipation			
Invested in C.D.'s	300,000.00			of Reimbursement		\$76,808.00	
		\$837,484.19		Payroll Deductions:			
Accounts Receivable:				Federal Taxes	\$ 7,670.80		
Taxes				State Withholding	7,357.97		
Levy of 1969		312.80		Retirement (County)	2,186.13		
Personal Property				Group Medical Ins.	3,657.45		
Levy of 1970		367.20		Group Life Ins.	197.68		21,070.03
Personal Property				Agency			
Levy of 1971		715.20		County Dog Licenses			280.60
Personal Property				Gifts and Bequests:			
Levy of 1972				Parsons Field-New			
Personal Property	614.10			Field House	3.22		
Real Estate	225.40			Ambulance Fund	473.15		
		839.50		Cemetery Perp. Care	60.00		536.37
Levy of 1973				Trust Fund Income:			
Personal Property	1,165.68			Susan M.D. Bridgman			
Real Estate	9,895.00			Charity	21,060.00		
		11,060.68		Calvin Bridgman High			
Levy of 1974				School	2.88		
Personal Property	519.66			Cemetery Perp. Care	23.14		21,086.02
Real Estate	8,968.23		9,487.89	Investment Funds:			
Levy of 1975				To be invested-			
Personal Property	767.56			Conservation Fund			1,650.00
Real Estate	52,617.68		53,385.24	Federal Grants:			
Motor Vehicle Excise:				Schools			
Levy of 1969	627.92			Public Law #81-874	3,618.00		
Levy of 1970	2,662.86			Public Law #91-230	4.59		
Levy of 1971	5,213.03			Public Law #92-230	4,312.75		
Levy of 1972	6,737.47			Public Law #89-10	263.95		
Levy of 1973	10,109.17			Public Law #88-210	6.62		8,205.91
Levy of 1974	11,461.00			Revolving Funds:			
Levy of 1975	22,880.68		59,692.13	School Lunch	4,589.43		
Special Assessments:				High School Athletics	357.97		
Sewer				Industrial Arts	500.21		
Rentals 1973	64.52			Band Revolving	210.42		
Rentals 1974	881.59			Police-Off-Duty Work			
Rentals 1975	2,084.09		3,030.20	Details	18.00		
Special Taxes:				Lost & Damaged Books	101.76		5,777.79
Farm Animal Excise				Insurance Claims:			
Levy of 1975		890.58		School Recorder			160.75
Tax Titles & Possessions:				Appropriation Balances:			
Tax Titles	13,895.29			Revenue			
Tax Possessions	2,119.19		16,014.48	General	149,497.18		
Departmental:				Non Revenue			
Highways-Misc.		992.92		Jr.-Sr. High School			
Aid to Highways:				Construction	1,688.30		
State	170,424.00			Interceptor Sewer	2,231.61		\$153,417.09
County	18,500.00		188,924.00				

Due from County:		Overestimates 1975:	
Dog Officer Fees	\$3,440.00	County Tax	\$ 12,071.01
Revenue of 1976	2,370,696.10	State Recreational Areas	187.24
Unprovided for or Overdrawn Accounts		Spec. Education-Ch. 766	8,979.00
Accounts:			\$21,237.25
Underestimates 1975		Sale of Real Estate	3,363.68
State		Sale of Cemetery Lots	480.00
Lower Pioneer Valley		Receipts Reserved for Appropriation:	
Air Pollution Dist.	\$69.37	Road Machinery Earnings	676.70
Lower Pioneer Valley		Hwy. Aid-Ch. 1140 Sec.20-15,141.63	
Reg. Planning Dist.	558.48	Photo Musicale	29.31
	627.85		15,847.64
		Reserve Fund-Overlay Surplus	13,383.70
		Overlays Reserved for Abatements:	
		Levy of 1970	367.20
		Levy of 1971	715.20
		Levy of 1972	839.50
		Levy of 1973-1974	14,157.41
		Levy of 1975	12,318.79
			28,398.10
		Revenue Reserved Until Collected:	
		Motor Vehicle Excise	59,692.13
		Farm Animal Excise	890.58
		Special Assessments	3,030.20
		Tax Titles &	
		Possessions	16,014.48
		Departmental	992.92
		Aid to Hgwys.	112,116.00
			192,736.31
		Surplus Revenue	396,627.81
		Appropriations Control Acct.	2,596,893.91
	<u>\$3,557,960.96</u>		<u>\$3,557,960.96</u>

TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN
BALANCE SHEET - JUNE 30, 1975
FEDERAL REVENUE SHARING ACCOUNTS

Assets		Liabilities and Reserves	
Special Cash	\$ 25,230.12	Federal Grants:	
Due from Public Law #92-512		Public Law #92-512	
Entitlement Period 1	\$ 192.93	Entitlement Period 1	\$ 640.58
Entitlement Period 2	535.00	Entitlement Period 2	2,531.67
Entitlement Period 3	280.00	Entitlement Period 3	756.61
Entitlement Period 4	2,585.00	Entitlement Period 4	3,173.82
Entitlement Period 5	4,700.00	Entitlement Period 5	18,127.44
	8,292.93		\$25,230.12
		Appropriations Control Account	1,900.00
		Appropriation Balances	
		General	6,392.93
	<u>\$ 33,523.05</u>		<u>\$ 33,523.05</u>

TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

Trust and Investment Funds:
Cash and Securities

\$306,200.70

Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	\$ 42,754.26
Stabilization Fund	216,773.07
Susan M.D. Bridgman Cemetery Fund	769.41
Nellie E. Brown Cemetery Fund	1,477.11
Calvin Bridgman Library Fund	5,112.71
George D. Longley Music Fund	2,150.93
Calvin Bridgman High School Fund	7,107.34
Whiting Street Poor Fund	14,827.99
Susan M.D. Bridgman Poor Fund	12,177.66
Willard Stebbins Cemetery Fund	2,565.92
Vienna E. Somes Cemetery Fund	484.30

\$306,200.70

\$ 306,200.70

DEBT ACCOUNTS

	Loan Issued	Rate	Outstanding 7/1/74	Paid in 74 - 75	Outstanding 6/30/75	Due in Fiscal 1976
New Jr.-Sr. High School Loan	1963	3.1	\$450,000.00	\$45,000.00	\$405,000.00	\$45,000.00

DEBT STATEMENT

Net Funded or Fixed Debt:
Outside Debt Limit
General

\$405,000.00

Serial Loans:

Outside Debt Limit

School Building Loan 1963

\$405,000.00



APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES FOR FISCAL 1975

	Balance Forward 6-30-74	Approp- iations ATM-STM	Refunds Transfers Adjustments	Amount Available Expenditure	Expended by Warrant	Expended by Journal	Unex- pended Balance	Balance to 1976
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	
Moderator	-0-	25.00	-0-	25.00	-0-	-0-	25.00	-0-
Selectmen-Salaries	-0-	5,200.00	-0-	5,200.00	5,200.00	-0-	-0-	-0-
Selectmen-Expense	-0-	4,000.00	1,143.19	5,143.19	5,143.19	-0-	-0-	-0-
Accountant-Secretary-Salary	-0-	7,800.00	-0-	7,800.00	7,800.00	-0-	-0-	-0-
Assistant Accountant-Salary	-0-	5,900.00	-0-	5,900.00	5,900.00	-0-	-0-	-0-
Accountant-Secretary-Wage	-0-	300.00	-0-	300.00	8.25	-0-	291.75	-0-
Accountant-Secretary-Expense	-0-	900.00	130.80	1,030.80	829.01	125.00	76.79	-0-
Accountant-Out of State Travel	-0-	200.00	190.00	390.00	200.00	190.00	-0-	-0-
Treasurer-Salary	-0-	3,706.00	-0-	3,706.00	3,706.00	-0-	-0-	-0-
Assistant Treasurer-Salary	-0-	3,104.00	-0-	3,104.00	3,104.00	-0-	-0-	-0-
Treasurer-Office Ass't-Salary	-0-	2,621.00	-0-	2,621.00	2,570.80	-0-	50.20	-0-
Treasurer-Wage	-0-	500.00	-0-	500.00	400.11	-0-	99.89	-0-
Treasurer-Expense	-0-	2,345.00	-0-	2,345.00	2,335.59	-0-	9.41	-0-
Collector-Salary	-0-	3,938.00	-0-	3,938.00	3,938.00	-0-	-0-	-0-
Assistant Collector-Salary	-0-	3,104.00	-0-	3,104.00	3,104.00	-0-	-0-	-0-
Collector-Office Ass't-Salary	-0-	2,621.00	-0-	2,621.00	2,570.80	-0-	50.20	-0-
Collector-Wage	-0-	3,000.00	-0-	3,000.00	2,732.51	-0-	267.49	-0-
Collector-Expense	-0-	2,880.00	-0-	2,880.00	2,865.91	-0-	14.09	-0-
Assessors-Salaries	-0-	2,100.00	-0-	2,100.00	2,100.00	-0-	-0-	-0-
Assessors-Wage	-0-	17,000.00	-0-	17,000.00	14,997.69	-0-	2,002.31	-0-
Assessors-Expense	-0-	6,150.00	40.00	6,190.00	4,679.23	25.00	1,485.77	1,485.77
Assessors-Map Updating	363.90	-0-	-0-	363.90	363.90	-0-	-0-	-0-
Finance Committ-e	-0-	200.00	-0-	200.00	127.35	-0-	72.65	-0-
Town Clerk-Salary	-0-	1,848.00	-0-	1,848.00	1,848.00	-0-	-0-	-0-
Assistant Town Clerk-Salary	-0-	1,552.00	-0-	1,552.00	1,552.00	-0-	-0-	-0-
Clerk-Office Ass't-Salary	-0-	1,310.00	-0-	1,310.00	1,284.90	-0-	25.10	-0-
Town Clerk-Wage	-0-	200.00	-0-	200.00	127.87	-0-	72.13	-0-
Town Clerk-Expense	-0-	1,768.00	9.20	1,777.20	1,762.32	-0-	14.88	-0-
Law Account	-0-	4,000.00	-0-	4,000.00	3,034.85	-0-	965.15	-0-
Special Law Account	-0-	2,000.00	-0-	2,000.00	450.00	1,000.00	550.00	-0-
Election & Registration	-0-	7,000.00	-0-	7,000.00	5,933.62	-0-	1,066.38	-0-
Planning Board-Zoning Salary	-0-	7,280.00	-0-	7,280.00	7,280.00	-0-	-0-	-0-
Planning Board-Wage	-0-	2,720.00	-0-	2,720.00	-0-	-0-	2,720.00	-0-

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Planning Board-Expense	\$ -0-	\$ 5,800.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 4,267.85	\$ -0-	\$ 2,732.15	\$ 200.00
Planning Board-Street Survey	3,000.00	-0-	-0-	3,000.00	3,000.00	-0-	-0-	-0-
Planning Board-Water Shed Study	1,200.00	-0-	-0-	1,200.00	-0-	1,200.00	-0-	-0-
Operational Soils Report	13,123.00	-0-	-0-	13,123.00	13,123.00	-0-	-0-	-0-
Board of Appeals	-0-	300.00	1,250.00	1,550.00	1,396.19	50.00	103.81	-0-
Conservation Commission	-0-	275.00	-0-	275.00	-0-	-0-	275.00	-0-
Lawrence Memorial Hall	-0-	4,650.00	700.00	5,350.00	5,284.40	-0-	65.60	-0-
Town Garage	-0-	4,000.00	-0-	4,000.00	3,971.38	-0-	28.62	-0-
Old Town Hall	-0-	3,000.00	500.00	3,500.00	3,491.79	-0-	8.21	-0-
Highway Garage Erection	-0-	48,586.00	-0-	48,586.00	30,447.17	-0-	18,138.83	18,138.83
Council on Aging	-0-	-0-	1,295.00	1,295.00	1,272.46	-0-	22.54	-0-
Bicentennial Commission	-0-	-0-	450.00	450.00	230.48	-0-	219.52	219.52
PUBLIC SAFETY								
Police Department-Chief's Salary	-0-	12,060.95	-0-	12,060.95	12,060.95	-0-	-0-	-0-
Police Department-Patrolman's Salary	-0-	7,800.00	-0-	7,800.00	7,112.76	-0-	687.24	-0-
Police Department-Wage	-0-	41,744.00	-0-	41,744.00	35,014.36	6,500.00	229.64	-0-
Police Department-Expense	-0-	18,500.00	-0-	18,500.00	18,473.54	-0-	26.46	-0-
Police Department-Cruiser	-0-	3,600.00	-0-	3,600.00	3,504.93	-0-	95.07	-0-
Fire Department-Chief's Salary	-0-	800.00	-0-	800.00	800.00	-0-	-0-	-0-
Fire Department-Wage	-0-	3,250.00	-0-	3,250.00	3,140.00	-0-	110.00	-0-
Fire Department-Expense	-0-	6,500.00	300.00	6,800.00	6,744.98	-0-	55.02	-0-
Water Storage Holes	-0-	300.00	-0-	300.00	209.00	-0-	91.00	-0-
Hydrant Service	-0-	4,500.00	-0-	4,500.00	4,500.00	-0-	-0-	-0-
Sealer of Weights & Measures	-0-	405.00	-0-	405.00	404.76	-0-	.24	-0-
Dog Officer-Expense	-0-	1,000.00	-0-	1,000.00	937.65	-0-	62.35	-0-
Insect Pest Control-Wage	-0-	100.00	-0-	100.00	100.00	-0-	-0-	-0-
Insect Pest Control-Expense	-0-	1,350.00	-0-	1,350.00	1,092.50	253.50	4.00	-0-
Dutch Elm Disease-Wage	-0-	2,000.00	-0-	2,000.00	1,842.50	-0-	157.50	-0-
Dutch Elm Disease-Expense	-0-	1,000.00	253.50	1,253.50	1,251.00	-0-	2.50	-0-
Tree Warden-Wage	-0-	2,000.00	-0-	2,000.00	1,999.00	-0-	1.00	-0-
Tree Warden-Expense	-0-	1,400.00	-0-	1,400.00	1,399.34	-0-	.66	-0-
Wiring Inspector	-0-	1,400.00	-0-	1,400.00	790.80	-0-	609.20	-0-
Building Inspector	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	1,245.80	-0-	-0-	-0-
Civil Defense-Salary	-0-	350.00	1,245.80	1,245.80	1,245.80	-0-	-0-	-0-
Civil Defense-Expense	-0-	260.00	-0-	350.00	350.00	-0-	-0-	-0-
	-0-	-0-	501.00	761.00	760.75	-0-	.25	-0-

HEALTH & SANITATION

Board of Health-Salaries	\$	-0-	\$	411.00	\$	400.01	-0-	\$	10.99	\$	-0-
Board of Health-Wage		-0-		2,500.00		2,338.00	-0-		162.00		-0-
Board of Health-Expense		-0-		6,335.00		5,166.67	-0-		1,537.83		-0-
Sewer Commissioners-Salary		-0-		650.00		650.00	-0-		-0-		-0-
Sewer Maintenance-1975		-0-		39,000.00		15,650.81	-0-		23,356.17		-0-
Sewer Maintenance-1974		-0-		-0-		16,980.06	-0-		-0-		-0-
Sewerage Engineering-South Belchertown		16,980.06		715.00		-0-	-0-		715.00		-0-
Town Dump		-0-		22,000.00		18,255.93	-0-		3,744.07		-0-

HIGHWAYS

Highways-Superintendent's Salary		-0-		11,100.00		11,100.00	-0-		-0-		-0-
Highways-General		-0-		38,200.00		38,950.75	-0-		-0-		-0-
Highways-Sick Leave		-0-		3,500.00		2,785.20	-0-		714.80		-0-
Highways-Vacation Pay		-0-		2,704.00		1,375.20	-0-		1,328.80		-0-
Highways-Chapter 90 I 1974		-0-		9,000.00		27,000.00	-0-		9,000.00		9,000.00
Highways-Chapter 90 C 1973		92.72		-0-		92.72	-0-		-0-		-0-
Highways-Chapter 90 C 1974		-0-		11,000.00		51,054.99	-0-		23,681.14		23,681.14
Highways-Chapter 81		27,404.01		-0-		27,418.33	-0-		-0-		-0-
Highways-Sidewalks		-0-		1,000.00		900.00	-0-		100.00		-0-
Highways-Streets		-0-		15,000.00		12,400.99	-0-		2,599.01		-0-
Highways-Bridges		-0-		3,000.00		2,999.81	-0-		.19		-0-
Highways-Maintenance		-0-		72,322.00		58,393.87	-0-		-0-		-0-
Highways-Dump Truck		-0-		13,200.00		11,784.33	-0-		13,928.13		-0-
Highways-Pickup Truck		181.81		-0-		-0-	-0-		1,415.67		-0-
Highways-Jackson Street Railroad Crossing		79.75		-0-		-0-	-0-		181.81		-0-
Highways-Three Rivers Road Underpass		3,576.75		-0-		1,740.00	-0-		1,740.00		-0-
Highways-Springfield Road Railroad Crossing		-0-		6,700.00		3,576.75	-0-		3,576.75		-0-
Highways-Bardwell Street Railroad Crossing		1,600.00		3,695.37		6,700.00	-0-		-0-		-0-
Highways-Snow Removal		-0-		40,000.00		5,295.37	-0-		-0-		-0-
Highways-Road Machinery Expense		-0-		16,700.00		38,954.85	-0-		1,045.15		-0-
Highways-Street Lighting		-0-		11,000.00		16,710.00	-0-		383.93		-0-
		-0-				11,874.46	-0-		-0-		-0-

VETERANS SERVICES

Veterans' Agent-Salary		-0-		1,070.00		1,070.00	-0-		-0-		-0-
Veterans' Agent-Expense		-0-		410.00		759.42	-0-		.58		-0-

Veterans' Benefits	\$	-0-	\$	21,520.00	\$	2,063.00	\$	23,583.00	\$	23,469.35	\$	-0-	\$	113.65	\$	-0-
SCHOOLS & LIBRARIES																
School Department-#1000		-0-		37,190.00		1,150.00		38,340.00		38,263.12		50.00		26.88		-0-
School Department-#1000 Out of State Travel		-0-		200.00		-0-		200.00		18.61		-0-		181.39		-0-
School Department-#2000		-0-		1,085,707.00		42,500.00		1,128,207.00		1,037,261.66		100.00		90,845.34		90,409.99
School Department-#2000 Out of State Travel		-0-		700.00		600.00		1,300.00		1,263.63		-0-		36.37		-0-
School Department-#3000		-0-		174,766.00		1,758.00		176,524.00		141,774.59		30,867.00		3,882.41		3,708.93
School Department-#4000		-0-		230,864.00		17,791.30		248,655.30		241,989.88		938.00		5,727.42		582.00
School Department-#4000 Franklin School Add.8,899.23		-0-		-0-		438.00		9,337.23		8,484.23		853.00		-0-		-0-
School Department-#7000		-0-		13,393.00		-0-		13,393.00		10,520.43		2,600.00		272.57		-0-
School Department-#9000		-0-		53,180.00		767.00		53,947.00		23,015.80		28,534.00		2,397.20		2,070.00
Photo Musicale		-0-		-0-		308.85		308.85		279.54		-0-		29.31		-0-
Clapp Memorial Library-Wage		-0-		5,650.00		-0-		5,650.00		5,649.96		-0-		.04		-0-
Clapp Memorial Library-Expense		-0-		4,910.82		-0-		4,910.82		4,909.86		-0-		.96		-0-
RECREATION & UNCLASSIFIED																
Parks, Beach, Recreation-Director's Salary		-0-		7,280.00		-0-		7,280.00		6,220.18		-0-		1,059.82		-0-
Parks, Beach, Recreation-Wage		-0-		6,035.00		-0-		6,035.00		5,752.30		-0-		282.70		-0-
Parks, Beach, Recreation-Expense		-0-		3,770.00		117.58		3,887.58		3,887.58		-0-		-0-		-0-
Unclassified Account		-0-		1,900.00		300.00		2,200.00		2,106.29		-0-		93.71		-0-
Printing Town Report		-0-		3,000.00		-0-		3,000.00		2,045.55		-0-		954.45		-0-
Patriotic Exercises		-0-		300.00		-0-		300.00		203.20		-0-		96.80		-0-
Group Life-Town Appropriation		-0-		1,034.00		-0-		1,034.00		939.72		-0-		94.28		-0-
Blue Cross-Blue Shield-Town Appropriation		-0-		17,894.00		-0-		17,894.00		16,379.99		-0-		1,514.01		-0-
Town Common-Memorial		315.00		-0-		-0-		315.00		315.00		-0-		-0-		-0-
Pensions		-0-		23,547.00		-0-		23,547.00		23,546.38		-0-		.62		-0-
Pathfinder-Operating & Maintenance		-0-		132,627.83		-0-		132,627.83		132,627.83		-0-		-0-		-0-
Pathfinder-Capital		-0-		37,091.90		-0-		37,091.90		37,091.90		-0-		-0-		-0-
Census		-0-		-0-		1,585.75		1,585.75		1,585.75		-0-		-0-		-0-
Reserve Fund		-0-		14,000.00		-0-		14,000.00		-0-		13,726.24		273.76		-0-
Unpaid Bills		-0-		4,703.25		-0-		4,703.25		4,703.25		-0-		-0-		-0-
Insurance Account		-0-		29,400.00		-0-		29,400.00		27,240.58		-0-		2,159.42		-0-
Town Clock		-0-		300.00		-0-		300.00		300.00		-0-		-0-		-0-
Rental of American Legion		-0-		400.00		-0-		400.00		100.00		-0-		300.00		-0-
Town Common		-0-		1,540.00		-0-		1,540.00		891.83		-0-		648.17		-0-

Purchase of Cemetery Land	\$	1.00	\$	-0-	\$	-0-	\$	1.00	\$	-0-	\$	1.00	\$	1.00
Cemetery Commissioners-Salaries		-0-		600.00		-0-		600.00		-0-		-0-		-0-
Cemetery Commissioners-Wage		-0-		1,400.00		-0-		1,400.00		-0-		42.25		-0-
Cemetery Commissioners-Expense		-0-		7,900.00		-0-		7,900.00		-0-		-0-		-0-
Veterans' Graves		-0-		200.00		-0-		200.00		-0-		16.00		-0-
Interest		-0-		23,765.00		-0-		23,765.00		-0-		10,047.16		-0-
Maturing Debt		-0-		46,000.00		-0-		46,000.00		-0-		-0-		-0-

\$77,532.23 \$2,607,469.12 \$173,360.36 \$2,858,361.71 \$2,527,444.66\$100,939.87\$229,977.18 \$149,497.18



Report of Town Treasurer

July 1, 1974 through June 30, 1975

Cash on Hand 6/30/74	\$ 835,130.46	Payments, as authorized	\$ 5,313,707.94
Receipts 7/1/74-6/30/75	5,041,291.79	Cash on Hand 6/30/75	562,714.31
	<u>\$ 5,876,422.25</u>		<u>\$ 5,876,422.25</u>

Income from savings deposits, excluding trust funds,	\$ 17,123.09
Interest on Certificates of Deposit	<u>16,457.68</u>
(Total interest earned on available cash)	- \$ 33,580.77

Federal Revenue Sharing Account

Cash on Hand 6/30/74	\$ 163,137.16	Payments, as authorized	\$ 256,180.76
Receipts 7/1/74-6/30/75		Cash on Hand 6/30/75	<u>25,230.12</u>
			<u>\$ 281,410.88</u>

	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	
Ent. I	--	73.56	
Ent. II	--	500.73	
Ent. III	214.68	1402.09	
Ent. IV	30778.00	3697.50	
Ent. V	80022.00	1585.16	
	<u>111014.68</u>	<u>7259.04</u>	= <u>118,273.72</u>
		\$	<u>281,410.88</u>

Funds borrowed during period 7/1/74-6/30/75, as authorized

Note	Purpose	From	Dated	Amount	Due Date	Rate	Interest
#277	Renewal-Note #276 Jackson St. R.R. Crossing	Hampshire Nat'l Bank	7/5/74	17,400.00	1/2/75 (Extended to 2/3/75)	4.50	463.26
#278	Chap. 90 Construc- tion & Maintenance Antic. of Reimburse- ment	Hampshire Nat'l Bank	9/20/74	76,808.00	9/20/75	5.99	4600.80

Total Borrowed-

Anticipation of Reimbursement \$94,208.00 @ \$5,064.06 interest

TRUST FUNDS

Trust Funds	6/30/74	Deposits	Interest	Withdrawals	6/30/75
Calvin Bridgman (High School)	6,909.50	--	370.21	172.37	7,107.34
George D. Longley (Music)	2,041.16	--	109.77	--	2,150.93
Susan M.D. Bridgman (Cemetery)	878.22	--	41.59	130.00	789.81
Whiting Street	14,145.25	--	1,023.45	79.52	15,089.18
Willard A. Stebbins (Cemetery)	2,499.60	--	134.39	--	2,633.99
Calvin Bridgman (Library)	4,851.80	--	260.91	--	5,112.71
S.M.D. Bridgman (Poor)	8,784.89	--	460.04	337.00	8,907.93
Vienna Sommes (Mt. Hope Cemetery)	471.79	--	25.34	--	497.13
Perpetual Care (Cemeteries)	40,823.90	1,215.00	2,215.36	1,500.00	42,754.26
Nellie E. Brown (Mt. Hope Cemetery)	1,421.36	--	76.29	14.05	1,483.60
Stabilization Fund	58,483.87	150,000.00	8,289.20	--	216,773.07
	141,311.34	151,215.00	13,006.55	2,232.94	303,299.95

Bank Stock Investment:

Susan M.D. Bridgman (Poor) - State Audit Value \$3500.00 -
12 Month Dividend \$3499.20

Respectfully submitted,

Carl J. Peterson, Jr.
Treasurer



Report of the Tax and Town Collector

1970 Real Estate Taxes

Outstanding 6/30/74		19.20
Abated	6.40	
Collected	12.80	
Outstanding 6/30/75	0	
	<u>19.20</u>	<u>19.20</u>

1971 Real Estate Taxes

Outstanding 6/30/74		19.20
Abated	6.40	
Collected	12.80	
Outstanding 6/30/75	0	
	<u>19.20</u>	<u>19.20</u>

1972 Real Estate Taxes

Outstanding 6/30/74		1919.90
Abated	9.21	
Tax Title	253.00	
Collected	1657.69	
Outstanding 6/30/75	0	
	<u>1919.90</u>	<u>1919.90</u>

1973 Real Estate Taxes

Outstanding 6/30/74		10795.83
Abated	37.60	
Collected	2161.93	
Outstanding 6/30/75	8596.30	
	<u>10795.83</u>	<u>10795.83</u>

1974 Real Estate Taxes

Outstanding 6/30/74		44964.83
Committed for Collection		173.80
Refunded		1690.23
Tax Title	1223.20	
Abated	2390.47	
Collected	34239.72	
Outstanding 6/30/75	8975.47	
	<u>46828.86</u>	<u>46828.86</u>

1975 Real Estate Taxes

Committed for Collection		1125209.14
Refunded		4392.62
Abated	46691.16	
Collected	1032487.87	
Outstanding 6/30/75	50422.73	
	<u>1129601.76</u>	<u>1129601.76</u>

1969 Personal Property

Outstanding 6/30/74		312.80
Outstanding 6/30/75	312.80	
	<u>312.80</u>	<u>312.80</u>

1970 Personal Property

Outstanding 6/30/74		367.20
Outstanding 6/30/75	367.20	
	<u>367.20</u>	<u>367.20</u>

1971 Personal Property

Outstanding 6/30/74		715.20
Outstanding 6/30/75	715.20	
	<u>715.20</u>	<u>715.20</u>

1972 Personal Property

Outstanding 6/30/74		614.10
Outstanding 6/30/75	614.10	
	<u>614.10</u>	<u>614.10</u>

1973 Personal Property

Outstanding 6/30/74		1165.68
Outstanding 6/30/75	1165.68	
	<u>1165.68</u>	<u>1165.68</u>

1974 Personal Property

Outstanding 6/30/74		3672.90
Abated	572.00	
Collected	2578.40	
Outstanding 6/30/75	522.50	
	<u>3672.90</u>	<u>3672.90</u>

1975 Personal Property

Committed for Collection		89059.52
Refunded		9.90
Abated	2554.20	
Collected	83552.71	
Outstanding 6/30/75	2962.51	
	<u>89069.42</u>	<u>89069.42</u>

1974 Farm Animal Excises

Outstanding 6/30/74		784.52
Abated	53.00	
Collected	731.52	
Outstanding 6/30/75	<u>0</u>	<u>784.52</u>
	784.52	784.52

1975 Farm Animal Excises

Committed for Collection		1135.20
Collected	244.62	
Outstanding 6/30/75	<u>890.58</u>	<u>1135.20</u>
	1135.20	1135.20

1969 Motor Vehicle Excises

Outstanding 6/30/74		772.02
Collected	144.10	
Outstanding 6/30/75	<u>627.92</u>	<u>772.02</u>
	772.02	772.02

1970 Motor Vehicle Excises

Outstanding 6/30/74		2829.51
Collected	166.65	
Outstanding 6/30/75	<u>2662.86</u>	<u>2829.51</u>
	2829.51	2829.51

1971 Motor Vehicle Excises

Outstanding 6/30/74		5351.99
Collected	138.96	
Outstanding 6/30/75	<u>5213.03</u>	<u>5351.99</u>
	5351.99	5351.99

1972 Motor Vehicle Excises

Outstanding 6/30/74		7591.72
Committed for Collection	4.13	
Refunded	237.60	
Scheduled refund (from '74 report)	7.90	
Refunded per above		7.90
Abated	237.60	
Collected	858.38	
Outstanding 6/30/75	<u>6737.47</u>	<u>7841.35</u>
	7841.35	7841.35

1973 Motor Vehicle Excises

Outstanding 6/30/74		9822.67
Committed for Collection	18936.20	
Refunded	476.90	
Abated	3937.18	
Collected	15188.42	
Outstanding 6/30/75	<u>10110.17</u>	<u>29235.77</u>
	29235.77	29235.77

1974 Motor Vehicle Excises

Outstanding 6/30/74		37258.60
Committed for collection		125270.20
Refunded		5890.53
Abated	16332.43	
To Be Refunded		24.20
Collected	140625.90	
Outstanding 6/30/75	<u>11485.20</u>	<u>168443.53</u>
	168443.53	168443.53

1975 Motor Vehicle Excises

Committed for Collection		75140.34
Refunded		535.90
Abated	5461.90	
Collected	47333.66	
Outstanding 6/30/75	<u>22880.68</u>	<u>75676.24</u>
	75676.24	75676.24

1972 Sewer Charges

Outstanding 6/30/74		21.76
Scheduled refund (from '74 report)	13.84	
Refunded per above		13.84
Collected as liens on '73 Real Estate	21.76	
Outstanding 6/30/75	<u>0</u>	<u>35.60</u>
	35.60	35.60

1973 Sewer Charges

Outstanding 6/30/74		111.31
Collected as liens on '74 Real Estate	34.79	
Abated	12.00	
Outstanding 6/30/75	<u>64.52</u>	<u>111.31</u>
	111.31	111.31

1974 Sewer Charges

Committed for Collection		8427.88
Refunded		37.03
Collected	7583.32	
Outstanding 6/30/75	<u>881.59</u>	<u>8464.91</u>
	8464.91	8464.91

1975 Sewer Charges

Committed for Collection		8527.57
Collected	6443.48	
Outstanding 6/30/75	<u>2084.09</u>	<u>8527.57</u>
	8527.57	8527.57

Miscellaneous Accounts Receivable

Outstanding 6/30/74	791.10
Committed for Collection	5895.18
Collected	5552.36
Outstanding 6/30/75	<u>1133.92</u>
	6686.28
	6686.28

TOTAL COLLECTIONS DURING JULY, 1974-JUNE, 1975

Taxes, Excises, Liens	\$1,376,219.48
Miscellaneous Accounts	5,552.36
Fees (Warrant and Demand)	1,087.00
Interest on all Taxes, Excises & Liens	3,128.78
	<u>\$1,385,987.62</u>

Paid to Town Treasurer \$1,385,987.62

Respectfully submitted,

Carl J. Peterson, Jr.
Tax & Town Collector

Town Clerk's Report

Statistics

Births

Place	Boys	Girls
Holyoke	11	4
Northampton	24	14
Ware	2	4
Springfield	<u>4</u>	<u>6</u>
	41	28

Total Births Recorded in Belchertown - 69

Marriages

	Male	Female
Resident	40	49
Non-resident	<u>28</u>	<u>19</u>
	68	68

Married at:

Number

Belchertown	29
Out of Town	<u>39</u>
	68

Deaths

Recorded in Belchertown	55
Males 27	Females 28
Resident 47	Non-Resident 8

Place of Death

Place of Death	Number
Belchertown	17
Ware	4
Springfield	4
Northampton	5
Holyoke	9
Palmer	4
Sunderland	1
Amherst	4
Boston	1
Chicopee	1
Montague	1
Rutland	1
So. Hadley Falls	1
Agawam	1
Natick	<u>1</u>
	55

Respectfully submitted,

Carl J. Peterson, Jr.
Town Clerk

Financial

<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u># Items</u>
Sporting Licenses (Gross)	\$ 9,022.25	1057
Dog Licenses (Gross)	4,237.75	1117
B-M-D Certified Copies	316.00	279
B-M-D Abstract Copies	3.00	4
Marriage Intentions	280.00	70
U.C.C. & Terminations	409.00	95
Sale of Zoning Maps & By-Laws	78.00	78
Federal Liens	51.00	17
Pole Location Orders	64.00	16
Registration to Store Fuel	12.00	24
Registration & Discontinu- ance of Business	9.00	9
Sale of Subdivisions	6.00	6
Sale of Master Plans	40.00	10
Sale of Street Lists	26.00	26
Filing Fees-Subdivisions	50.00	2
Hearing Fees-Board of Appeals	165.00	13
Search and/or copy of Records	8.00	8
Raffles & Bazaars	60.00	6
Postage & Miscellaneous	2.80	8
	<u>\$14,839.80</u>	<u>2845</u>

Payments to :

Division of Fisheries & Game	\$ 8,788.00
County of Hampshire	3,847.85
Town of Belchertown	2,203.95
	<u>\$14,839.80</u>

Respectfully submitted,

Carl J. Peterson, Jr.
Town Clerk

Civil Defense Report

The area of major concern by this department has been the procurement of an on-sight back-up electrical system for the Police and Civil Defense communications. In 1975 such a system was installed and tested. A 1200 watt propane-fueled generator provides rapid emergency lighting and radio power in the Memorial Hall basement in the event of commercial power failure. This system will supplement the 30 kw generator currently housed at the new Highway Department garage. Transport time to Memorial Hall is less critical and, if necessary, the mobile generator may be used elsewhere in an emergency without interrupting Police or C.D. operations. Further addition to back-up communications equipment include installation of a secondary antenna in Memorial Hall usable for either Police or C.D. radio equipment. Due to budgetary restraint originating at the State level, there has been little C.D. activity emanating from Area or Section offices and therefore no directed radio drills as previously scheduled. However, Belchertown in cooperation with Southampton C.D., has periodically run radio checks to affirm readiness of the systems.

This Director has this past year effected a policy wherein several units of battery-operated radio equipment is retained at the residence of the C.D. Radio Operator and myself to enable constant care of this equipment.

In the area of personnel training, an attempt was made to provide a Radiological Monitoring course in conjunction with several surrounding communities. However, due to lack of response by a sufficient number of people, this training course was cancelled. The Director did manage to complete the 14-hour Basic First Aid Course given by American Red Cross in Chicopee late in 1975.

This department continues to operate with minimum personnel. Radiological monitors, Shelter managers, First-Aiders, Public Relations and Radio operators are positions that continue to go unfilled.

Respectfully,
Robert H. Phoenix
Director, Civil Defense

Persons Drawn for Jury Service During 1975

Name	Address	Date Drawn	Jury Service
Leavitt, Betty	Jackson Street	January 20, 1975	Traverse Juror
Viens, Gerald J.	Metacomet Street	January 20, 1975	Traverse Juror
Dreist, Henry A., Jr.	Warren Wright Street	March 3, 1975	Traverse Juror
Horta, Marion G.	Granby Road	March 3, 1975	Traverse Juror
Cutting, Herbert F.	Federal Street	April 14, 1975	Traverse Juror
Rock, Stephen	Old Bay Road	April 14, 1975	Traverse Juror

Following Jurors Drawn From 1975-1976 List

Alger, Mary G.	71 North Street	August 11, 1975	Traverse Juror
Whitlock, Stephen B.	181 North Street	August 11, 1975	Traverse Juror
Leja, Frank R.	421 State Street	August 18, 1975	Traverse Juror
Renouf, Helen	257 North Washington Street	August 18, 1975	Traverse Juror
Gingras, Claire A.	250 State Street	September 8, 1975	Traverse Juror
Juskalian, Antranig	20 Green Avenue	September 8, 1975	Traverse Juror
Beaudry, Valmore G.	101 Channel Drive	October 14, 1975	Traverse Juror
Joyal, Rose A.	65 Maple Street	October 14, 1975	Traverse Juror
Faulkins, Lorraine F.	580 Federal Street	December 15, 1975	Grand Juror
Duga, Stephen	26 North Street	December 15, 1975	Traverse Juror
Rhodes, David R.	213 Old Enfield Road	December 15, 1975	Traverse Juror

Jury List 1975-1976

Name	Address	Occupation and Name & Address of Employer
Archambault, Marcel F.	491 State Street	Plant supervisor, Truss Eng. Corp. 319 Parker St., Springfield, Ma.
Baker, James B.	71 Springfield Road	Head Painter, Comm. of Mass., Dept. of Mental Health, Belchertown State School
Beaudry, Valmore G.	101 Channel Drive	Retired, Sec. & Asst. Mortgage Officer, Union Fed. Sav. & Loan Assoc., Pittsfield Ma.
Britt, Donald W.	94 Wilson Road	Janitor, Amherst College, Amherst, Ma.
Burke, Raymond V.	90 Old Enfield Road	Retired, Self-employed Carpenter
Carr, John C.	Underwood Street	Chief Power Plant Engineer, Belchertown State School, Belchertown, Ma.
Cary, William M. Jr.	31 Channel Drive	Unemployed, Supervisor, Concentrated Emp. Prog., 145 State St., Springfield, M
Chadbourne, Joseph R.	24 Lloyd Avenue	Third Class Engineer, Univ. of Mass., Amherst, Ma.
Cook, John C.	191 Mill Valley Road	Groundskeeper, Belchertown State School, Belchertown, Ma.

Name	Address	Occupation and Name & Address of Employer
Cormier, Steven E.	107 Poole Road	Unemployed, Dir. Berkshire Cty. Assoc. for Ret. Cit., Pittsfield, Ma.
Dandelske, Harold O.	44 Bay Path Road	Main. Supervisor, Univ. of Mass., Amherst, Ma.
Dexter, Richard H.	606 Warren Wright Street	Stockman & Truck Driver, Amherst College College St., Amherst, Ma.
Duga, Stephen	26 North Street	Painter, Phys. Plant, University of Mass., Amherst, Ma.
Dunbar, Donald E.	23 Lloyd Avenue	Foreman, Moore Co., Springfield, Ma.
Farnham, Warren H. III	189 Michael Sears Road	Research Lab. Tch., Monsanto Co., 730 Worcester St., Ind. Orchard, Ma.
Felton, Frederick C.	160 North Street	Auto Body Worker, Colonial Auto Body, Route 9, Belchertown, Ma.
Fish, Arthur R., Sr.	51 Ludlow Street	Air Cond. & Ref. Mechanic, U.S. Govt. Westover A.F.B., Chicopee, Ma.
Fournier, David E. III	393 Bay Road	Self-employed, Bay Path Farm, Belchertown
Fuller, Thomas H.	170 Jensen Road	Self-employed, Carpenter
Garvan, John J. Jr.	30 River Street	Lab Tech., Moore Co., Bernie Avenue Springfield, Ma.
Gentile, Louis A.	261 Warren Wright Street	Metrologist, AMDAC Ind., American Bosch Div. Main St., Springfield, Ma.
Gingras, Edmond M.	250 State Street	Mechanic, Monsanto Co., Ind. Orchard, Ma.
Hebert, Arthur H.	1120 Federal Street	Construction Laborer, W.E.Moore Inc. 16 Noble Street, Westfield, Ma.
Holt, Clifford E.	27 River Street	Self-employed, Storeowner, Junction Variety Store, Thorndike, Ma.
Howard, Charles F.	82 Jackson Street	Asst. to Head Garageman, Belchertown State School, Belchertown, Ma.
Janisieski, Alexander F. Jr.	260 North Street	Boiler Operator, Cooley Dickinson Hosp. Northampton, Ma.
Jenks, Lawrence E.	231 Warren Wright Street	Retired, painter, H.L.Childs & Son State Street, Northampton, Ma.
Juskalian, Antranig	20 Green Avenue	Retired, Group Leader, Monsanto Chemical Company, Indian Orchard, Ma.
Ketchen, G. Parker	10 South Main Street	Vice-Pres., Ketchen Deep-Hole Drilling Co. 9 Mechanic Street, Ware, Ma.
Knight, Richard H.	50 Eskett Road	Trailer Driver, Monsanto Co., Bircham Bend Plant, Springfield, Ma.

Kopacz, David F.	35 Fletcher Avenue	Group Leader, Clifford G. Brockmyre, 74 Randall Place, Springfield, Ma.
LaBroad, Harold G.	43 Jackson Street	Steam Fireman, Comm. of Mass., Belcher- town State School, Belchertown, Ma.
Leja, Frank R.	421 State Street	Designer, Gen. Instrument Corp., 165 Front Street, Chicopee, Ma.
Loftus, Francis Paul, Jr.	21 Springfield Road	Laborer, Belchertown State School, Belcher- town, Ma.
Lussier, Laurence J.	203 Orchard Street	Foreman, D.F.Ouimette Builder, 149½ Bridge Street, Northampton, Ma.
Martin, Robert B.	53 Amherst Road	Heavy Equipment Oper., Otto Papparazzo Assoc., Belchertown, Rd., Amherst, Ma.
McQuillan, Robert E., Jr.	363 Old Enfield Road	Elevator Constructor, Valley Elev. Co. Harkness Road, Amherst, Ma.
Meaux, Hyman A.	90 Amherst Road	Optical-Mechanical Assembler, Kollmorgen Corp., Northampton, Ma.
Noyes, Herbert L.	134 South Street	Self-employed, Insulation Contractor 101 Pond St., So. Weymouth, Ma.
Plant, Harvey R.	332 Allen Road	Plant Helper, D.D. Ruxton Sand & Gravel North Amherst, Ma.
Potter, Cecil E.	396 North Washington	Unemployed, Sprayer, N.E. Tree Co. Mill Valley Trailer Pk., Belchertown, Ma.
Rhodes, David R.	213 Old Enfield Road	Unemployed, Gundrilling Machinist, Ketchen Deep-Hole Drilling, Everett Ave., Belchertown
Rhodes, Kenneth W.	90 Alden Street	Dept. Mgr., Sears Roebuck & Co., 1585 Boston Rd., Springfield, Ma.
Samson, Harvey A.	58 Jackson Street	Stationery Engr., Comm. of Mass., Belcher- town State School, Belchertown, Ma.
Skribiski, William E.	266 Warren Wright Street	Truck Driver, Town of Amherst, D.P.W. South Pleasant Street, Amherst, Ma.
Smist, Theodore W.	5 East Walnut Street	Inn Keeper, Self-employed, 5 East Walnut Street, Belchertown, Ma.
Symmes, Lowell B.	181 Bay Road	Grad. Student, Univ. of Mass., Amherst, Ma.
Tolzdorf, Edmund C.	94 Old Amherst Road	Painter, Univ. of Mass., Amherst, Ma.
Towne, Donald	129 Sargent Street	Self-employed Garageowner, Don's Auto Service, Sargent St., Belchertown, Ma.
Wadsworth, Walter	188 North Street	Unemployed, Dir., Research & Dev., Servus Rubber Co., 1195 Montgomery St., Chicopee, M
Wegiel, William F.	109 Federal Street	Recreation Therapist, Belchertown State School, Belchertown, Ma.

Whitlock, Stephen B.	181 North Street	Unemployed, Handyman, Kamins Real Estate South Pleasant Street, Amherst, Ma.
Willey, Harold W.	114 North Main Street	Self-employed, Civil Engineer
Wilson, Robert A.	209 Federal Street	Unemployed, Truck Driver, P.B. Mutrie Calvary Street, Waltham, Ma.
Zobka, Ronald F.	667 Franklin Street	Mason
Alger, Mary G.	71 North Street	Housewife, (Alger, Ronald F.), Self-employed builder
Casey, Ethel E.	345 Warren Wright Street	Clerk-Dispatcher, (Casey, Alfred H.), Painter, H.L. Childs, Northampton, Ma.
Dumond, Margaret A.	582 George Hannum Street	Licensed Practical Nurse, Belchertown State School, Belchertown, Ma.
Dupuis, Jeanne	554 South Washington St.	Homemaker, (Dupuis, Omer), Stock Expeditor, Monsanto Co., Indian Orchard, Ma.
Faulkins, Lorraine F.	580 Federal Street	Cashier, Zayre Dept. Store, 440 Russell Street, Hadley, Ma., (Faulkins, Harold F.), Handyman, Belchertown State School, Belchertown, Ma.
Fitts, Shirley M.	71 Federal Street	Lab Technician, Ludlow Corp., 111 Mosher Street, Holyoke, Ma.
Gingras, Claire A.	250 State Street	Housewife & Pt.-time Embroidery teacher, Self-employed, (Gingras, Edmond M.), Area Mechanic, Monsanto, Indian Orchard, Ma.
Griswold, Eunice R.	561 Warren Wright Street	Housekeeper, Mr. Stephen Rostas, So. Pleasant St., Amherst, Ma., (Griswold, Lyman A.) Self-employed, Lefty's Garage, 1111 Federal St., Belchertown, Ma.
Henneman, June S.	161 Turkey Hill Road	Homemaker, (Henneman, Arthur), Self-employed, Exxon Servicenter, Park & Jabish Streets, Belchertown, Ma.
Howard, Holly A.	82 Jackson Street	Student, University of Mass., Amherst, & Part-time sales clerk, Butler & Ullman Florist, Russell St., Hadley, Ma.
Jenks, Gladys F.	245 North Street	Registrar, Amherst-Pelham Regional Jr.-Sr. High School, Chestnut St., Amherst, Ma.
Joyal, Rose A.	65 Maple Street	Housewife, (Joyal, James O.), Unemployed
Nulman, Roseann	71 South Main Street	Sales Clerk, Print Works Mill Store Inc., Maple Street, Belchertown, Ma., (Nulman, Saul), Owner, Print Works Mill Store, Inc., 295 Fifth Avenue, New York City, N.Y.
Perham, Rose M.	20 Springfield Road	Mental Health Asst. I, Comm. of Mass., (Perham, Donald E.), Mental Health Asst. II, Commonwealth of Mass.
Pero, Sophia M.	93 Mill Valley Road	Retired, School Teacher, Belchertown Public Schools, Belchertown, Ma. Widow

Plant, Helen M.	11 Fletcher Avenue	Housewife, (Plant, Everett), Self-employed Carpenter, 11 Fletcher Avenue, Belchertown, Ma.
Reed, Anna J.	88 Gold Street	Machinist, Quabbin Industries, Randall Place, Springfield, Ma., (Reed, John H.), Retired
Rege, Marjorie L.	11 Town Beach Road	Unemployed, Restaurant Manager, John J. Sweeney, 540 Meadow St. Ext., Agawam, Ma.
Renouf, Helen	257 North Washington St.	Retired, Librarian, Belchertown School System, Belchertown, Ma.
Wallace, Pauline L.	262 Bay Road	Bookkeeper-Clerk, Wallace Hardware, 9 Main Street, Belchertown, Ma., (Wallace, Edmund), Owner-Operator, Wallace Hardware, 9 Main Street, Belchertown, Ma.
Whittaker, Alice H.	340 State Street	Social Services Coordinator, Northampton Housing Authority, 49 South St., Northampton, Ma., (Whittaker, Peter A.), Retired, Sexton

Inspector of Buildings Report

The following building permits were issued from January 1 to December 31, 1975.

Description	Permits	Estimated Cost
Residential	65	\$ 1,653,745.00
Non-Residential	40	87,015.00
Additions, Alterations	68	191,836.00
Multi-family (40 Units)	1	450,000.00
Mobile Homes	6	60,000.00
Demolitions	4	
TOTALS	184	\$ 2,442,596.00

During the year approximately 450 on-site inspections were made at periodic construction stages, four 8-hour mandated training courses were completed and office hours were held on the 1st, 2nd, and 4th Monday evenings in Belchertown and on the 3rd Monday evening in Pelham. In addition, a total of 21 Use and Occupancy Permits were issued for existing buildings.

From the 184 building permits issued, the town realized \$ 9276.06 in permit fees.

Jack Hulmes, Jr.
Inspector of Buildings

Tree Warden & Supt. of Insect Pest Control

I hereby submit my report for the year as Tree Warden and Superintendent of Insect Pest Control.

Tree Warden: During the year, thirty trees were cut down and hauled away. Many trees were trimmed of deadwood and broken limbs. In the spring, seven Rock Maples, seven Crimson King Maples, and one Flowering Crab tree were planted. In the fall, five Rock and five Crimson King Maples were planted.

Dutch Elm Disease: Thirty-five tested and condemned trees were cut down and destroyed.

Insect Pest Control: Elm trees were sprayed twice with Methoxychlor to combat the spread of Dutch Elm Disease. We sprayed more area for Gypsy Moth which resulted in the reduction of this disease. Some of the main roads in the center of town were sprayed for Fall Web Worm in July.

Respectfully submitted,
Albert W. Brown

Bicentennial Commission

The Belchertown Bicentennial Commission has met on a weekly basis for the purpose of stimulating and coordinating the various activities of the Belchertown community as we join the nation in celebrating the Bicentennial year 1975-1976.

One of the Commission's first activities was to apply for and receive the Bicentennial flag and official recognition from the State as a Bicentennial Community. To apply for this official designation, the Commission solicited from the community, through newspaper articles, public meetings and meetings with various groups, a list of planned community activities under the three Bicentennial categories: heritage, horizons and festivals. This list was presented to the State and approved.

To stimulate further Bicentennial activities and enthusiasm within the community, the Commission ran a logo contest, won by Brian Brougham for his entry "Forged for Freedom", which is now the official symbol of Belchertown's participation in the nation's Bicentennial. A "Bicentennial Bits" column is run periodically in the Belchertown Sentinel to bring to the community interesting historical facts. The Commission invited the Sons of Liberty to present a performance for the townspeople and the Story Book Lady for two highly enjoyable performances for the children.

Commemorative awards are being given to all groups and individuals registering Bicentennial activities with the Commission's Community Calendar of Bicentennial Events. Several groups and individuals have already responded with enthusiasm in undertaking Bicentennial activities, including a highly successful Miss Bicentennial contest, a Bicentennial Ball, a Bicentennial Cookbook, a quilt show, many projects organized by high school students and a variety of other interesting projects.

Hoping to make use of State Matching Fund grants available for community-oriented Bicentennial projects of lasting value, the Commission solicited ideas and extensively researched the two which produced the most favorable response. The project which initially produced the most enthusiastic response and appeared feasible financially-- the restoration and beautification of the town common-- was voted down by the townspeople at a special town meeting. Unfortunately, at that point there was no time left for further application for State Matching Funds for a new project.

The Commission presently is assisting in the preparation of an oral history of the Belchertown Fair, an old town tradition, to be researched by Nicholas Ney, a student at Hampshire College. This history is to be transcribed into written form, which will be available to the townspeople. The tapes will be kept by the town.

Respectfully submitted,
Geraldine Geser, Chairman
Martin Keoughan, Treasurer
Lynda J. Hartshorn, Secretary
JoAnne Dearness
Margaret Nagy
Nora Austin
Shawn Bresnahan, Advisor

Fire Department Report

My annual report as Fire Chief and Forest Warden follows:

Responses totaled 130 for the year 1975.

Building fires	37
Grass & brush fires	52
Vehicles	19
False or needless	19
Search for missing persons	3

Total estimated loss to buildings	\$20,800.00
Total loss to contents	8,800.00
Total loss to vehicles	3,125.00

Other interesting statistics include:

Total miles traveled to and from fires	691
Total hours spent in fire suppression	116

Although total responses is, I believe, the highest in the history of the department, total loss to property is one of the lowest in many years. Vehicle losses were especially frequent during 1975- many vehicles were stolen, abandoned, and burned.

The reconditioning of the 1959 tanker-pumper was completed early in 1975.

Nine of our members attended a concentrated one day training school in Ware during the summer. New and valuable ideas resulted, which were shared with the rest of the members.

Again, I express my thanks and appreciation to my fellow members for their cooperation, to Police Chief Ernest Gay and his force for their continued help, and to the Belchertown State School operators, who faithfully provide us with 24-hour answering service.

Respectfully submitted,
Louis E. Fuller
Fire Chief and Forest Fire
Warden

Belchertown Fire Dept. Personnel

Fire Chief	Louis E. Fuller
Deputy Chief	Carl J. Peterson, Jr.
Assistant Chief	Raymond R. Menard
Deputy Chief	Donald Bock
Lieutenant	Edward L. Fuller
Lieutenant	Hugh Hubbard, Jr.
Lieutenant	David Hodgen
Lieutenant	Samuel Joyal

Members

Royal Gay	Herbert Wood
Edward Gates	Richard Knight
Thomas Fuller	Raymond Peeso
William Shattuck	David Auclair
Kenneth J. Thayer	Harry Brougham
Irving Hislop	Paul Greene
John Ribeiro	Roy Reece, Jr.
Benjamin Williams	George Greule
Albert Dewhurst	Robert Anderson
Richard McGinnis	Walter Newth
Gordon Hodge	Michael Hayward

State School Operators

Helen Gaudreau	Bernadette Fountain
Margaret Dudrick	Genevieve Rusiecki
Margaret Gendron	Patricia Staples

Madeline Geer

Report of Sealer of Weights and Measures

Tested and Sealed- Jan.1, 1975 - Dec. 31, 1975

Scales over 10,000 lbs.	3
Scales 100 lbs. to 5000 lbs.	8
Scales under 100 lbs.	21
Avoirdupois Weights	13
Gasoline Pumps	41
Kero & Grease Pumps	10
Cloth Measuring Devices	4
Yard Sticks	12

I have collected and turned over to the Town Treasurer fees amounting to \$285.25.

Royal K. Gay
Sealer

Police Department Report

I hereby submit my annual report for the Police Department for 1975.

The Police Department consists of myself as a full-time Chief, two full-time patrolmen, two part-time Sergeants, one part-time policewoman, ten part-time patrolmen and two officers who perform church duty.

The Department's three full-time personnel are all graduates from the Police Academy. Henry E. McManus graduated from the Westfield Police Academy in December. The full-time officers cover the 8 A.M. to 5 P.M. and 12 midnight to 8 A.M. shifts.

The middle shift, which is considered the busiest, is covered by part-time men. At this time, I would like to express to them and to the townspeople a word of thanks and appreciation. These men are devoted to the Department as they will answer calls any hour of the day or night and replace another officer for patrol, often with short notice.

This Department has a total of ten registered E.M.T.'s (Emergency Medical Technician) who man the ambulance, along with two townspeople who generously render their services. This year we had a total of 192 ambulance calls. This past year several of the officers took an E.M.T. refresher course which qualifies them to operate the ambulance for two more years.

I, along with my wife, have completed a Red Cross Instructor's Course this past year and plan to offer a course to any organization or interested resident this coming year.

Due to the publicity I, as Chief, have received during the past year, I feel it is time to clarify my job to the townspeople. I am available at any time throughout the week; day or night. During the day from 8 A.M. to 5 P.M. I am either in court or in the office. This is for five and a half days per week. I cover the phones from my home during the evenings and every night during the week. Police officers maintain office hours on Saturday and Sunday afternoons, also Wednesday and Friday evenings. In addition, if I must attend meetings or have other business to attend to, occasionally the officers will maintain extra office hours.

The total number of offenses and arraignments handled in Northampton District Court in 1975 were 933. Below is a summary of those prosecuted in Court.

Aggravated Assault	1
Breaking & Entering	16
Larceny (except auto)	4
Larceny of Auto	2

Use of Car without Authority	12
Assault & Battery	7
Arson	1
Stolen Property	3
Vandalism	2
Firearms	1
Narcotic Law	1
Offenses against Family	1
Driving under the Influence	24
Licquor Law Violation	1
Disorderly Conduct	2
All other Offenses except Traffic	94
Driving to Endanger	25
Speeding	433
Stop sign (and lights)	112
Sticker violation	23
No License	57
No Registration	63
Defective Equipment	16
Juvenile Cases	21
Fish & Game Laws	11

This Department investigated 291 accidents in 1975, a decrease over last year. The use of radar and visibility of officers and cruisers on the streets kept drivers mindful of speed limits. The fatal accidents we covered amounted to four-three less than in 1974.

We answered a total of 1,403 complaints. The house check list doubled over last year due to the increase of breaking and entering cases. We hope that the increased number of house checks will aid in diminishing the number of breaks. Business establishments, schools, and other buildings are checked nightly.

I have increased the patrols on Saturday and Sunday and I have initiated a walking patrol on Friday nights for better protection for the town's businesses.

In February of 1975 I received a letter from the Governor's Office explaining the state's role of giving many highway safety cruisers to towns and cities who would be able to meet certain qualifications. I undertook this project, replying to his letter with information regarding the area we cover, population, main routes through town, etc. We were notified this summer that we met all the criteria they desired, and in late August we picked up our new cruiser. This I felt very grateful for and know it was a great opportunity not only for my department, but the townspeople as well. It is valued at \$8,000.00 and it came fully equipped. Now we are operating with three cruisers.

This year the mileage on the cruisers was 128,807 miles, a large increase over last year. Even though we have the cruisers covering two dif-

ferent sections of town at one time, at this time I want to thank the many people who report suspicious cars or activities in their area. This has helped solve many cases and I encourage people to do this.

At this time I would like to especially thank the Amherst Police Department for their cooperation in responding to calls for assistance, and for the use of facilities. Also, I would like to thank the Metropolitan District Police for their assistance, especially for answering our phones on a standby basis; the surrounding Police Departments; Chief Potter of the Belchertown State School and his men in Security; the Belchertown State School on the new ambulance setup with Mrs. Gaudette and E.M.T.A. training; the State Police; the Registry of Motor Vehicles; the District Court officials in Northampton; our local Fire Chief and his men for the help and cooperation they have given to me and the Department; the Police Advisory Board; and Mr. Parker Ketchen, Liaison Officer for the Police Department, for his cooperation throughout the year.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to my family for their support, patience and consideration shown to me during the past year and to all the townspeople who also have cooperated with this Department.

Sincerely,
Ernest M. Gay
Chief of Police

Historical Commission

During the past year, the Historical Commission has continued their work on an inventory of historic and older buildings in Belchertown.

The Commission would appreciate input from individuals who have factual information from research they may have done on their own homes or other older buildings in town. The information most needed is date of construction, builder, original owner, original use, and date and types of any additions or alterations.

Belchertown Historical Commission
Gerald G. Tremaine
Helen Lister
John Fitzgerald
Shirley Bock
Edith Nyman

Police Advisory Board

The present Police Advisory Board (appointed September 29, 1975) consists of three voting members appointed by the Board of Selectmen. The Chief of Police and the Police Liaison from the Board of Selectmen or their representatives act as advisory members.

At our first meeting on October 8, 1975, it was decided to hold meetings on the first Wednesday of each month, a change in policy, since last year's board met only when the selectmen submitted a problem to the board.

The purpose of the Police Advisory Board is to contribute in whatever way it can to enable our police force to earn the reputation of being the best small-town police department in the Commonwealth. It's as simple as that! Our charge is to make recommendations to the Board of Selectmen on all phases of police department operation, and we hope to make our response to that charge more positive in the coming months.

Some ideas and aims of the Police Advisory Board for the future are as follows:

1. To incorporate a police auxiliary or cadet program, whereby young men interested in police work would be able to work and train with police officers and learn the fundamentals of police work, which in turn, would give the police department capable reserves whenever needed for replacements of present personnel.

2. To continue cooperation and expand resources available for the best ambulance service between the police department and the Belchertown State School.

3. To be on the alert for any chance in the future for state or federal grants for the purchase of an ambulance which meets all the new requirements and/or for other needed equipment or personnel.

4. To instill among the members of our community the importance of reporting to the police any suspicious acts or vehicles in their neighborhood.

5. To help keep harmonious relations between police department personnel and their superiors.

6. To keep a constant watch on police department expenditures to secure the best possible goods and services for the least amount of taxpayer's money.

In conclusion, and in the final analysis, the Police Advisory Board represents the citizens of Belchertown, and welcomes suggestions from those we represent.

Respectfully submitted,
Frank E. Farrington, Chairman
Charles F. Howard, Clerk
Arthur H. Brenneke

Council on Aging

Early in January 1975 the Council on Aging designed and conducted an extensive survey of all residents of our community 59 and over to establish a realistic picture of their needs, that we might have a working plan of priorities of services. The response to this survey far exceeded the national average - 47.5% return locally as opposed to a national average of under 20%. It has been the results obtained on this survey that have been the guidelines for the Council in all programs established during the year as well as for planning our future priorities. Detailed reports of this survey, as well as the entire tabulation, are available at the Council's office. To summarize briefly, the areas which indicated a need to establish services were: health and nutrition, information and referral, transportation, and fellowship and recreation.

A town-wide blood pressure clinic was held in February, sponsored by the Heart Association, the Palmer Visiting Nurse Association, the Board of Health, and the Council on Aging.

During the first three months of 1975, Identification Cards were made available to those 65 and over who made application. These cards enable the bearer to secure discounts at participating merchants in Belchertown and surrounding communities. These Senior "ID" Cards have been given to over 70% of our eligible residents. The willingness of our local merchants to participate was most gratifying and the Council expresses their appreciation to them.

Statistically, Belchertown has approximately 700 residents 59 and over. The 1975 real estate taxes paid by this segment of our community was \$252,225.92 out of a total of \$1,350,260.19.

In an attempt to meet existing needs a "Newsletter" was instituted in March, and persons were given the opportunity to call for volunteer transportation and Information and Referral services. The response to this opportunity to obtain these services was far in excess of our expectations and evidenced the need for an office and Drop-in Center. Negotiations between the Selectmen and the Trustees of the Congregational Church to secure space in the Congregational Parish House began in April. Satisfactory arrangements were agreed on, and a lease was signed. The "Newsletter", which includes a calendar of events and news pertaining to the elderly, is now sent monthly to senior citizens.

On May 1, 1975, the first day of Senior Citizens Month, Belchertown's Senior Citizen Center opened at noon with a luncheon prepared by Harry Shakarian and attended by over 100 senior citizens as well as town officials. A Health Fair

followed the luncheon. Throughout the remainder of 1975, the Center was manned solely by volunteers who performed tasks including administration and clerical, transportation, outreach, crafts, lunches, and clinics. In December, at a Special Town Meeting, our town voted to pay two permanent part-time salaries commencing January 1, 1976 to the two persons who had been volunteering since May.

The Center is open daily Monday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Services and programs offered are clinics, lunches, transportation, adult education classes and seminars, educational and recreational trips, a wide variety of crafts, social activities, an ongoing Outreach program, and an Information and Referral Service.

Statistically, these services have been used as follows:

Age group	# in group ¹	(5/1 to 12/31/75) # using services
59 - 64	219	40
65 - 69	192	82
70 - 74	121	59
75 - 79	80	56
80 and over	77	47

¹ Residents confined to Long Term Care Facilities not included in above, but included in total of 700 senior citizens in town.

² Figures include all services including Outreach and I & R.

Number coming to Center (5/1 to 12/31/75)	2,936 persons
Transportation provided for	984 persons
Number helped by I & R	146 persons

A group of interested citizens has formed an association (Senior Citizen Center Association) with its purpose to support the activities of the Senior Center by lending financial help. Its plan is to sponsor money-raising projects, to collect receipts from luncheons and similar events that the senior citizens pay for themselves, to handle bill-paying for these occasions, and to receive any voluntary contributions. In the eight months of operation, the association has received \$1,083.85 and disbursed \$1,044.52.

A regional transportation grant was awarded to the towns of Belchertown, Amherst, Pelham, Hadley, Shutesbury, and Leverett. Operation of the vehicle will be under the direction of the Amherst Council on Aging. Belchertown will have the use of this ten-passenger van one day a week, presently at no cost to the town. Service is expected early in 1976.

Also in the fall, a town-wide Vision Screening Clinic was held under the direction of the Massachusetts College of Optometry Clinic, Boston, Ma.

Sponsoring this clinic were the Lions Club, the Police Association, the Board of Health, the Palmer Visiting Nurse Association, and the Council on Aging. Approximately 200 persons attended this clinic, 87 of whom were over 59 years of age.

Later in the fall, the Selectmen and the Council were notified that Belchertown had been designated as a new project area for a federally funded Title VII Nutrition program. Negotiations have been taking place and are not resolved at the close of 1975.

First on our priority list for 1976, is the implementation of our Meals on Wheels program which is designed to bring one hot well-balanced meal daily, Monday through Friday, to those persons disabled and confined to their homes. This program will be self supporting and will entail no cost to the town.

The success of the Council's programs and services during 1975 is due to the volunteer services of countless persons, and to all these persons we express our appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,
Belchertown Council on Aging

Cemetery Commission

There were twenty-seven burials in 1975.

Early in the year, all the brush was cut along the stone walls in all the cemeteries. Also, all dead and broken tree limbs were removed.

The entrance at Mount Hope Cemetery was repaired. This problem was caused by cars driving on the grass.

Thanks to the efforts of Mrs. Edith Nyman, town historian, and Mrs. Carol Cook, long sought after burial information is now being updated and catalogued. We soon hope to have a fairly complete list of burials in all cemeteries in town.

All wooden fences were creosoted and metal ones painted, thanks to our senior member, Mr. Daniel MacPhee.

Another major step was the adoption of a set of rules and regulations for South Cemetery. Anyone desiring a copy of the rules may get them from any of the commissioners.

The Cemetery Commission turned back to the town the following sum of money:

\$ 2,025.00	Opening Fees
850.00	Sale of Lots
1,115.00	Deposited in P.C.A.

Respectfully submitted,
Sidney T. Wheble
Paul C. Cook
Daniel W. MacPhee

Veterans' Agent

The Veteran's Department has experienced another busy year. We have made some gain by transferring some of our older cases to Social Security and Medicare, however, we still have a high influx of younger people on our rolls, which increases our work load tremendously.

Our cases now are mostly the results of unemployment and students, along with a few older cases.

Each and every person who requires aid has to be interviewed and processed by law. This requires many hours, and some are found to be ineligible, but the work still has to be done.

Those who require support because of unemployment, must report to this office each month on the second Tuesday night, between the hours of 6 P.M. and 8 P.M. and give names and places in which they tried to seek employment. We verify the names and places and will continue to aid the party, providing they actually tried to seek employment.

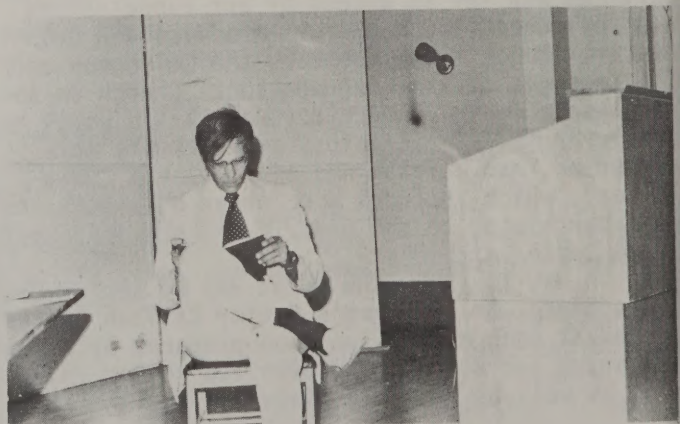
In respect to the student, he must sign a statement stating that he will reimburse the Town of Belchertown for all money extended to him after receiving allotment checks from the State.

Persons receiving Major Medical must have an earning less than that of the veteran's budget plus five percent to qualify.

From the present indications, we can look forward to another busy year, and probably a still further increase in the case load.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the Board of Selectmen, the Town Accountant, and all other Departments for their fine cooperation. I wish to thank the Susan Bridgman Almoner's for their cooperation in the past year.

Respectfully,
Earl F. Henrichon
Veteran's Agent



Board of Health Report

The Board of Health has just completed another busy year. In April, John Bay resigned his position on the Board. The Selectmen and the Board of Health together voted that Marcel Archambault finish the unexpired term.

Although much time was taken with observations of percolation tests and inspections of septic tank installations or repairs, housing problems were a major area of concern. We both started and ended the year with housing complaints. When such complaints came under the jurisdiction of this Board, corrective action was taken to remedy any violations of the State Sanitary Code.

Several clinics were held this past year. In conjunction with the Council on Aging and volunteer registered nurses, a blood pressure clinic was held in February, Heart Month. Some financial support was given to the Glaucoma clinic in October. In conjunction with the School Department, a series of three immunization clinics for DPT, mumps, measles, German measles, and polio were offered to pre-schoolers and any other children needing these immunizations. Dr. Collard administered flu vaccine to all town employees. We thank him for his help to the Board.

We are very pleased that 42 persons have availed themselves of the services of the Palmer Visiting Nurse Association. This amounted to a total of 1177 nursing visits and 13 physical therapy visits for 1975.

Mrs. Charlotte Ketchen, R.N., Clerk of Infectious Diseases reports the following for the year 1975: animal bites - 24; viral hepatitis-7; streptococcal sore throat - 50; chicken pox-6; measles - 1.

We thank all persons who worked cooperatively with the Board of Health during the past year and look forward to another year of service to the town.

James A. Bonafini, Sr., Chairman
Marcel Archambault
Linda Snow

Agent-Sanitarian Report

To the Honorable Board of Health, Belchertown, Massachusetts:

As Agent-Sanitarian for the Board of Health, I respectfully submit my annual report for 1975.

During 1975, regular inspections were made on all food service (restaurants) and retail food service (stores) establishments during the year. For the most part, the establishments were in a good condition.

Monthly inspections were made at the two mobilehome parks. The parks were in a good sanitary condition.

During the summer months, regular water samples were taken from the town beach and from the bath-house drinking water faucets. Both sources were satisfactory for their respective purposes.

Monthly inspections were made of the town dump. The condition of the dump was satisfactory for the most part. Where needed, recommendations were made to the Board of Health to correct any conditions not complying with the sanitary landfill regulations.

Approximately 30 temporary food booths were inspected on Fair Day. Because of the weather, many booths were not open or closed after a short stay. Those that were open for business were in good sanitary condition.

I wish to extend my thanks to the people of Belchertown and to the Board of Health for the cooperation extended to me during 1975.

Respectfully submitted,
John A. Brickett, R.S.
Agent - Sanitarian



Planning Board Report

Members: Stanford J. Harrington, Chairman; Donald S. Cole, Vice-Chairman; William M. Cary, Clerk & Representative to the Lower Pioneer Valley Planning Commission; Kenneth H. Snow, Member; and John J. Sullivan III, Member.

Staff: Susan C. Michael, Planning Assistant

To: Honorable Board of Selectmen and citizens of the Town of Belchertown.

Early in the year, the board met to organize and officers were selected as listed above. The Planning Board met a total of sixteen times over the twelve month period in 1975. Also, the Board held six public hearings during the year.

ZONING AMENDMENTS

Four public hearings were held to consider amending the Zoning By-Law and Official Zoning Map.

A proposal for rezoning a parcel of land at the corner of Sargent Street and North Main Street from Residential to Business was recommended by the Planning Board and subsequently approved at the Annual Town Meeting. Another proposal, to rezone land along Mill Valley Road from Agricultural to Business was recommended by the Planning Board and adopted at the December Special Town Meeting.

Two other zoning proposals were: (1) a change in the procedures relating to the development of apartments; creating a separate "multi-family residential district" and strengthening the Special Permit procedures to include "site plan review" by the Planning Board and Board of Health, and the requirement that public improvements conform to the Belchertown Subdivision Regulations. The Planning Board hopes to promote better apartment growth through local involvement in the decisions relating to the location and design of apartments. This proposal, recommended by the Planning Board, was adopted at the December Special Town Meeting. (2) A second zoning amendment was a proposal to allow a resident owner of land in Belchertown to reside in a mobile home on his property in the unfortunate event of a disaster rendering the home uninhabitable. This amendment was recommended by the Planning Board and subsequently approved by the voters at the December Special Town Meeting.

SUBDIVISION CONTROL

The Board held two public hearings to consider two subdivision proposals; one known as "Daniel Square Extension" with four lots off Daniel Square near Stebbins Street; and another proposal known as "Twin Pond Heights" with ten lots

at the end of Dressel Avenue. Daniel Square Extension was approved by the Board, and no decision was made before the close of the year regarding Twin Pond Heights.

COMPREHENSIVE MASTER PLAN

The Planning Board saw the completion of the Master Plan in the Spring of 1975. This provides town officials and voters with invaluable inventories of the major aspects of the town; population, housing, municipal finances, natural resources, etc. providing projections for the future, as well as data which forms past trends. This is the largest portion of the plan and will provide every decision-maker with a competent guide for dealing with the growth of the town. A second portion of the Master Plan deals with recommendations for guiding future land use (i.e. growth) and some of the major capital improvements which should be undertaken within the next ten to twenty years. A third section includes some tactics and programs which may be employed to encourage certain types of growth and to carry out some of the needed capital improvements.

The Board would like to thank all of the local officials and citizens of Belchertown who helped to make the master planning process a success; and extends its gratitude and best wishes to the University of Massachusetts' students, Robert MacKenzie, Steven Erickson, Max Gowen, and Douglas North, who made the Master Plan a realization.

ZONING BY-LAW REVISIONS

With the completion of the Master Plan, the Board has taken a new look at the Zoning By-Law, assessing the sections which should be re-written or revised. Throughout the year, the State Legislature postponed action on revising the "Zoning Enabling Act" which gives towns the authority to control land use; so the Board confined its proposed amendments to sections of the by-law which were not likely to be affected by the new state law. These were discussed earlier in the report. Also, the Board discussed throughout the year, other proposals for creating new business and industrial districts in town, although no action was taken on these proposals.

The new zoning by-law, having finally been passed by the Legislature, was signed by the Governor in late December. The Board's first task in 1976 will be to study the new legislation carefully to determine its affect on Belchertown and our local Zoning By-Law.

Zoning Enforcement Report

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Another step taken in the direction of implementing recommendations of the Master Plan is the utilization of a grant program offered by the Department of Housing and Urban Development. The Community Development Block Grant Program enables communities to apply for funding for a wide range of projects including land acquisition, urban renewal, recreation, sewer and water projects, and special projects for the elderly and handicapped. In 1975, Belchertown applied for \$97,600.00 under this program for recreational and projects for the elderly. There is no local matching fund required under this program. In competition with other area towns for a small available amount of money, Belchertown was unfortunately denied the grant. We will, however, reapply to the Department of Housing and Urban Development in 1976.

PLANNING ASSISTANCE

A continuing policy of the Planning Board is to assist other departments with their projects where planning assistance is requested (such as assistance in mapping, or researching information dealing with planning issues). As data is gathered and special projects are completed, we have also made this information available. Planning assistance is offered to other departments as an integral part of the planning program in Belchertown, in the desire to see more orderly and coordinated decision making and development of the town.

Belchertown Planning Board

As Zoning Enforcement Officer, I respectfully submit my annual report for 1975.

CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY

The Office of Zoning Enforcement experienced a busy year during 1975. The level of construction activity, being well above that of 1974; this office processed a total of 185 building permit applications over the past twelve months. Contrasted to a total of 127 applications in 1974, there has been a 46 percent increase in the level of construction activity. New building permit application forms which now include a zoning compliance certificate give the building, zoning and assessing departments a more accurate and concise description of the pro-

posed structure resulting in greater efficiency in processing applications. A total of 19 Certificates of Occupancy were issued for newly completed construction which was started prior to the effective date of the State Building Code. New structures which are completed under a building permit issued after January 1, 1975 will receive a Certificate of Occupancy from the Building Inspector.

INSPECTIONS

All construction sites for new buildings were inspected to assure compliance with zoning requirements; notably for setback distances from lot lines. In addition, active gravel banks were periodically inspected and owners were notified of any actual or potential violations of the regulations. In addition to monitoring Special Permits to remove sand and gravel (which are issued by the Board of Appeals), all other permits and/or variances issued by the Board of Appeals were enforced and/or monitored. Frequently, restrictions or conditions are placed upon a petitioner which must be adhered to such that the character of the neighborhood and intent of the Zoning By-Law will be preserved.

ZONING VIOLATIONS

During 1975, numerous cases of potential zoning violations were investigated; seven of which required further action. Violations requiring legal actions were of the following nature:

- Removal of sand, gravel or loam without a Special Permit;
- Creation of a two-family dwelling without a Special Permit;
- Installation of a mobile home outside of a mobile home park;
- Operation of a business in an agricultural zone;
- Violations of conditional variances or Special Permits issued by the Board of Appeals.

In all seven cases, letters and/or cease and desist orders were served and in four cases, appeals were made to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

In many other cases no formal action was necessary. In most instances, upon oral or written advice many potential violations with respect to setback requirements or land use were either averted altogether or referred directly and immediately to the Board of Appeals.

I would like to thank the citizens of Belchertown for their generous cooperation and the Board of Selectmen for their support which enabled this office to operate as fairly and equitably as possible.

Susan C. Michael
Zoning Enforcement Officer

Zoning Board of Appeals

The work load of the Zoning Board of Appeals has increased markedly in the past several years. The constantly up-dated Zoning By-Laws and the creation of the post of Zoning Enforcement Officer has resulted in more orderly procedures for the structural development of the town. Matters for which property owners now must obtain permission were often handled in the past without regard for the effect on the neighbors or the neighborhood.

The Z.B.A. held 13 formal meetings in 1975 at which 31 cases were heard -- about five times as many cases as were heard 5 years ago. Gravel bank permits, improvements to substandard buildings and construction work on non-conforming lots were the most frequent appeals. In addition to the regular meetings, the Board visited the sites of most applications and met frequently for informal discussions. The members are often consulted, by phone or in person, by applicants and abutters for help in connection with an appeal.

A new procedure was instituted in 1975 in the hope that applicants and abutters would come to the formal meeting better informed as to their rights and what will be expected of them. At the time of notification of the meeting, each applicant and every abutter received an instruction sheet which outlines the procedures of the meeting, indicates the material which the applicant must supply, and suggests the options which are open to abutters.

The decisions of the Board of Appeals cannot always please everyone. A permit or variance which is justifiably granted may displease a less well-informed abutter or towns person, while a denial of an appeal may disrupt the plans of an owner. The Belchertown Zoning Board of Appeals believes that its primary duty is to the welfare of the town and its neighborhoods and it tries to base its decisions on those basic premises.

The town and all applicants should know that, in addition to the fact that the Z.B.A. has extensive judicial powers, it is instructed by law to base its decisions on certain standards. Consideration must be given to the specific property circumstances, hardship must be proven in some instances, and decisions must not be detrimental to the public good nor nullify the intent and purpose of the zoning.

Respectfully submitted,
Patrick D. Kamins, Chairman
Arthur Davenport
Frank E. Farrington, Jr.
Walter J. Carmody, Associate
Peter Adzima, Associate

Sewer Commission

Through the year of 1975, there were five additional sewer connections, four were for new homes and one was made to the new Lord Jeffrey Apartments on North Main Street.

During our regular checking, flushing, and cleaning of the sewer line, one manhole was completely rebuilt and another needed a floor which was replaced.

All sewer rights of way were mowed and the brush was cut.

Maintenance to the meter houses included the painting and roof repair to both houses.

Respectfully submitted,
Harry Brougham
Preston Atwood
Ronald Blaine

Animal Inspector

I hereby submit my report as Animal Inspector:

31 Dog Bites

1 Cat Bite (The quarantined cat died before release-time and the head was shipped to the Division of Animal Health, Boston, to test for rabies. The test proved negative.)

101 Barns inspected

Respectfully submitted,
Lewis J. Austin
Animal Inspector



Highway Department

In reviewing the Highway Department for the past year, we would first like to explain some changes that have taken place in regard to state funding of our highway programs. Chapter 81, which was money received from the State to maintain and repair our secondary roads, has been discontinued. Chapter 90 Maintenance, which was money appropriated 1/3 by the town, 1/3 by the state, and 1/3 by the County, has also been discontinued. Chapter 90 Construction, which was State and County funded for new construction of County roads and numbered routes, has been discontinued. We are now operating under the following program, Chapter 825, which is now supplied entirely by the State for a 3-year program. This money can only be used for maintenance such as resurfacing, drainage, graveling, and repairing guardrails and bridges. This can be used on our numbered routes and secondary roads. This program, hopefully, will be renewed in 1977. Chapter 765, which is completely funded by the State, can only be used for new construction and resurfacing on numbered and County roads. This program will also have to be renewed in 1977 by the State.

We have submitted, through our State associations, bills requiring that new money be put into the Local Aid Fund for highway purposes.

The remainder of the Highway budget is made up in such areas as General, which includes wages, brushcutting, mowing, winter employment materials; a Sidewalk account which is used to upgrade our present sidewalks and to also construct any new sidewalks that are currently needed; and a Bridge account which is basically set up for materials such as metal pipe, guardrail replacement, and is used for various drain projects which have been long overdue, also grates, manhole covers and drop inlets.

We are now in the process of replacing old culverts throughout the Town, for example, this year we replaced culverts at Gulf Road, Kimball Street, Allen Road, South Street, Underwood Street, Juckett Hill Road, Ware Road, and Granby Road.

Our program has been set up over the past 15 years to do away with as many gravel roads as possible by resurfacing them with tar and stone. We have completed some 21 streets with this program and are now in the process of working on the following streets: Summit, Ludlow Road, Gulf Road, Jensen Road, Bardwell, and Green Avenue. Some of these streets should be completed in 1977. At that time, our project will shift by adding more roads. Money for this project is raised and appropriated by an article and usually amounts to \$15,000. Other streets which were included in the resurfacing this year were as follows: Orchard, Wilson Road, Knight, Gold, Old Pelham Road, Boardman, Rural, Michael Sears Road, Springfield Road,

Sabin, Federal, Old Bay Road, Bay Road, Metacomet Circle, North, Dressel Avenue, and Warren Wright Road.

All numbered routes, plus Three Rivers Road and Stebbins Street, were striped and all railroad crossings were remarked with signs and also striped. This project was done under the Federal Safety Act Program.

Some of our main projects, which were started this year, of which several were completed, was the final resurfacing of Route 21 to the intersection of Route 202 thus completing this project; the paving of the underpass on Three Rivers Road and the rebuilding, resurfacing, and new drainage on Three Rivers Road starting at the Palmer town line heading north for 1¼ mile, this project to be continued in 1976; Bay Road's first three phases starting at the Amherst town line to the intersection of Lamson Avenue has been completed and we are now working on the fourth phase which will take us to the intersection of Stebbins Street and Bay Road, this project should be completed in three years. We are planning to do as much of the remainder of the work on this project other than blasting and removing of ledge by the Force Account which is using the Town's equipment and labor. This project is being financed totally with State funds under Chapter 765. It is our hope that after this project is completed to the intersection of Stebbins Street, we will continue on Bay Road until it intersects with Route 9 completing the entire project.

Another major account is Snow Removal which in the past has averaged \$40,000 a year. This year we will be closer to \$60,000 due to the weather conditions. This account is basically broken down into sand, salt, labor, and hired equipment. We currently hire 14 vehicles, in addition to town vehicles, to remove snow.

This year the town has taken over the Sanitary Landfill Area Maintenance completely with town labor and equipment. This has shown a major improvement in operating this project and we are running at a lower cost from previous years. However, this does not include the cost of new equipment purchased.

The Highway Department moved into its new facility in October and we would like to thank the townspeople and the committee for all their cooperation and support for this project. It has made our operation run much more efficiently plus the maintenance on our equipment has improved tremendously. We hope all the citizens, who have not done so, will take the opportunity to view this new facility.

In closing, we would like to thank the citizens for their support and patience throughout the year. As you can see, with 130 miles of roads to maintain it takes considerable time and planning. I would also like to thank the Highway Superintendent and members of his department for their support during the past year.

William G. Whitlock
Liaison

Parks, Beach & Recreation Committee

There has been an increase in programs under Parks, Beach and Recreation.

The baseball program added teams and players again. Next summer, there probably will be a need for additional teams. Sponsors of last years teams included:

Jack Hulmes Associates
Ward Cabins
Quabbin Industries
Belchertown V.F.W.
Gates Garage
Red's Pool Service
Crest Real Estate
Henrichon Electric
Seal Roofing
Crystal Springs Dairy Bar
Bell and Hudson Insurance
D.H. Jones
Bob's Texaco Station
Alger and Sons

The baseball program ranged from instuctional play for 5 year olds and up to Babe Ruth play.

The skeleton of a kickball league was formed last year. This game is played much like baseball, but a large playground ball is used instead of a baseball. Already the Belchertown Police Association has agreed to sponsor this program.

The Old Town Hall's renovation has enabled a variety of programs to be introduced or expanded. Included were: a six team basketball league for men; a well-attended adult volleyball program, one night a week; a childrens arts/crafts program; a children's gym-play program. The hall was also open after school hours as a drop-in center, which turned out to be a big success.

There have been varied other activities in the hall that have made the money for the renovation worthwhile.

A basketball program for older schoolchildren also was successful at the High School on Saturdays.

The swim program was its' usual success story under the direction of Bill Kirk. Mr. Kirk has run the program for many years, but will not be back this summer.

The beach ran without any hitches this year due to the fine job done by the lifeguards and by Preston Atwood, who checks for non-town people. All cars that enter the beach area must have the dump/beach sticker.

The new toilet facilities and storage area at Parsons Field has proved invaluable. There are more improvements to be done at the beach and Parsons Field.

The recreation office is located at the Old Town Hall. The telephone number is 323-5560. We also plan to install a phone at Parsons Field this spring.

The Recreation Director is Richard Hebert.

Considered for next year:

1. Sub-committees
2. Parking area improvements at Parsons Field
3. Swings moved, picnic tables added at Parsons
4. Development of another baseball diamond at Cold Spring School
5. Nature park at beach
6. Ice skating at beach
7. Added recreational facilities with the present horseshoe pits at Parsons.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Forgue Co-Chairmen
Richard Cook

Shirley Dorey
June Smith
Jay Evans

Dog Officer Report

This is an annual report of the Dog Officer and assistant for the year 1975.

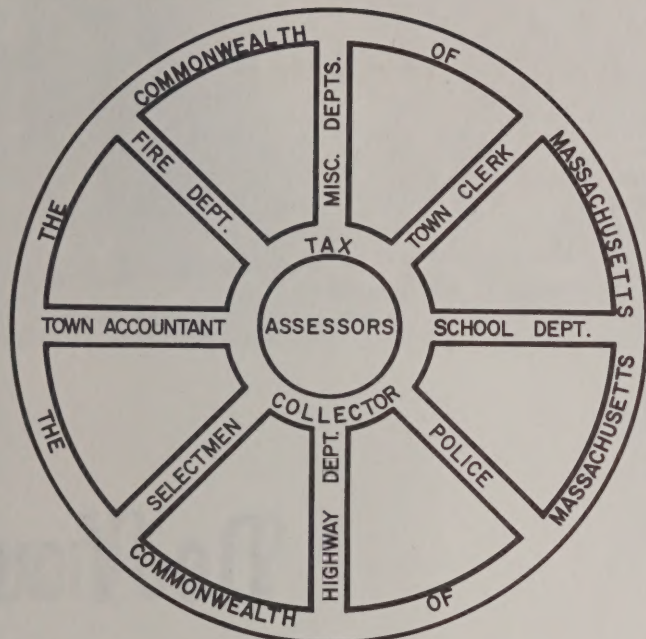
Strays	188
Investigations	78
Dogs hit by cars	47
Found Owners	109

This year has seen a change in collecting dog licenses. There were 190 late payers who were fined \$10.00 each.

Due to this, we received more paid licenses than ever before.

Wallace Chevalier
Dog Officer

Enclosed Wheel



Assessors' Report

The Wheel of Town Government

With the completion of another assessing year, we feel that this is a good time to review the Board's "batting average" for the past three years. We don't intend this to be one of those "I told you so" reports. On the contrary, we will merely be focusing attention to the fact that the Board of Assessors makes a point of keeping abreast of what is going on in the Assessor's profession and, as a result, we have been able to predict and/or preempt events to come. If you have read our annual reports, communications in the newspapers and the tax facts sheets accompanying your tax bills, you will recall that during the past three years we have made statements to the effect that:

(1) We saw a tremendous upward pressure on our Town, citing the fact that the populace was slowly but steadily shifting from city to country living, resulting in an accelerated building program with its accompanying demand for increased services. During the past three years, 210 new homes have been built and over 2,000 additional acres of land have been purchased by potential developers. The point is that all of this took place during a period when interest rates were 12 to 14 percent, unemployment was at an all-time high and construction of family residences in surrounding communities was virtually at a stand-still.

(2) We predicted that the Town of Sudbury would win its suit against the Commonwealth and that the Supreme Judicial Court would order that all property be assessed at full and fair cash value. It has come to pass, and, as a result, a substantial number of communities are in the process of revaluation.

(3) We expected that 10,000 acres, or approximately one-third (1/3) of our land area would be protected from assessing it at full and fair cash value. We now have 9,381 acres which, by statutory law, cannot be assessed to produce its fair share of the taxes. In addition, there are new applications totalling more than 750 acres awaiting the approval of the State Forester. The total protected acreage will easily exceed our predicted 10,000 acre figure.

(4) We tried to alert everyone to the fact that we expected substantial reductions in state reimbursements for Fiscal Year 1976, with a probable increase of up to \$10.00 in the tax rate. The state reimbursements were \$276,000 less and you are currently paying your tax bills with a \$7.00 increase per thousand dollar valuation.

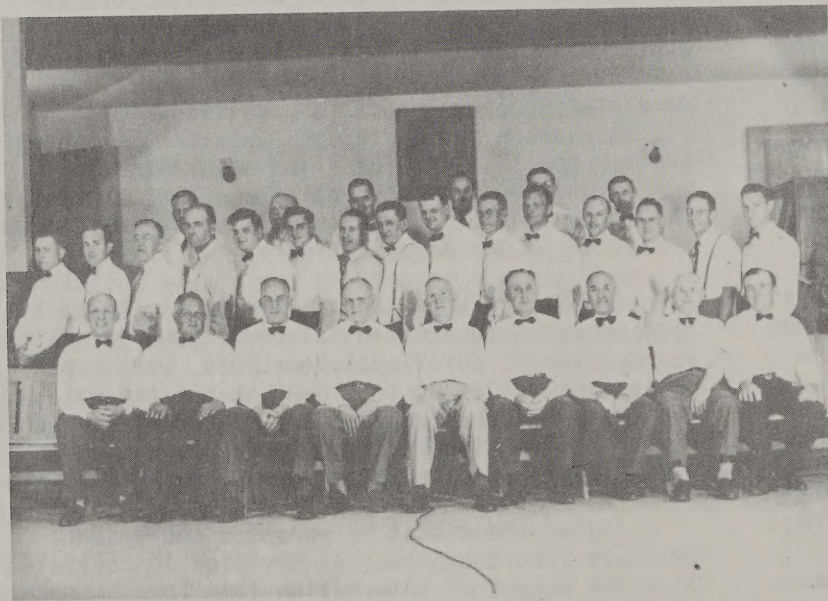
(5) We noted that we expected increased pressure from the State Tax Division in controlling the output of information from local Assessors. At this point, enough controls have been placed on the Assessor's business so that literally everything we do is monitored in some way by the State Bureau of Local Assessment.

(6) We also said that we expected increased pressures from the State Tax Division and the Taxpayer's Association for the certification of all Assessors. Today we have reached the point where there is a bill in the Legislature requiring certification of all Assessors.

The significance of the information presented above is that we, as your representatives, are making an exerted effort to keep up with the ever-changing rules and laws governing the Asses-



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sor's profession. Moreover, we attempt to keep you, the taxpayer, informed as to your rights and, at the same time, provide you with the best information possible, in order to help you make judgments when voting appropriations.

Money was appropriated at the Annual Town Meeting held in April 1975 for a complete revalu-

ation. As a result, we entered into a contract last summer, and the tedious task of revaluation is progressing ahead of schedule. We expect that the job will be completed in time for the tax billing period beginning 1 July 1976. The tax bills will reflect valuations as of 1 January 1976.

ANALYSIS OF PROPERTY TRANSFERS

Number of Transfers-Calendar Year 1975 = 238

Family transfers and corrective deeds	100
Undeveloped building lots	37
Large parcels of land (over 2 A.) (total 505 A.)	22
Land with buildings on it (146 A.)	<u>79</u>
TOTAL NUMBER OF TRANSFERS	238

In comparing market value against the assessed value on our books, we note several interesting facts:

The total of all valid (arms-length) sales equalled \$2,532,102. The assessed value of this property was \$1,151,000. Our ratio of assessed value to all valid sales averaged 45.5%.

In comparing land sales, we found that building lots totalling 34.5 acres sold for an average of \$4,023 per acre for a total of \$138,000, while that assessed valuation was \$14,700. The ratio of assessed value to sales was 10.6%.

Developers or builders purchased 89 acres of land in parcels larger than 2 acres for a total price of \$80,723, or \$907 per acre. This was assessed at \$9,300. The ratio here is 11.5%.

Homeowners and individuals who wanted excess land purchased a total of 106 acres at an average cost of \$577 per acre. The total sale price in this instance was \$61,132, while the assessed valuation was \$11,700. The ratio of assessed value to sales in this category was 19.1%.

Buildings with land, assessed at \$1,115,300, sold for \$2,251,447. The ratio of assessed value to sales equalled 49.5%.

When you compare the information presented above with that presented in 1974, it can be readily seen that the ratio of assessed values compared to sales remains fairly constant but far below current market value.

RECAP

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>ASSESSED VALUE</u>	<u>SELLING PRICE</u>	<u>PERCENT OF SELLING PRICE</u>	
			<u>1975</u>	<u>1974</u>
Undeveloped building lots	\$ 14,700.	\$ 138,800.	10.6%	9.6%
Land (Plots over 2 acres purchased by individuals)	11,700.	61,132.	19.1%	19.5%
Land (Plots over 2 acres purchased by developers)	9,300.	80,723.	11.5%	----*
Land with homes on it	\$ 1,115,300.	\$2,251,447.	49.5%	53.7%

* Not "broken out" in 1974

The figures above clearly substantiate the need for revaluation and redistribution of the tax burden.

The information presented also indicates that the price of building lots continues to rise.

Although developers and builders purchased less acreage, the average price per acre was higher.

Individuals who desire from 2 to 10 acres of land for their own use are paying less than developers, but they are buying land directly behind property they already own, some landlocked property and some land which was not attractive to developers.

When we examine what is happening at the local level and study trends, facts and circumstances, we can only project a gloomy outlook for Fiscal Year '77. Regardless of the tax rate, the property owners will have to pay out more in property taxes. Contributing factors are withdrawal of land from the fully-taxable category, reduction in state reimbursements and the inevitable increase in the cost of operating the Town.

As the construction of many new homes progresses and adds to the valuation, we see a gradual erosion of values associated with the older colonial structures which were once the pride of our village. They are being converted into multi-family units or rooming houses with little or no maintenance and physical deterioration is beginning to take its toll. This too affects the tax base.

It is becoming obvious that we are at the mercy of the speculators, developers, builders and individuals who want to change from city to country living. As a result, the upward pressure on our Town continues and there is very little, if anything, that can be done to stop it. Hampshire County is where the action is, and Belchertown is strategically located within the County. In the next 10 years, it is expected that, of the 14 counties in the Commonwealth, the largest population growth will be in Hampshire County, and Belchertown will play an important part in that growth.

Another indicator of growth is that we now have 3,037 parcels of real property on our tax rolls, whereas two years ago we had 2,467 parcels.

Along with this growth will come added responsibilities and pressures never before experienced by the various Town Boards or Committees. Each town function will have to cope with the increased pressures in order to insure an orderly growth and expansion of our facilities. Each Town Board or Committee feeding information to their counterparts at the State level will have to provide the best, most accurate and timely information possible because, in the final analysis, all of this information has a definite impact on state reimbursements and the equalized value established by the Bureau of Local Assess-

ment. We "lost out" when we contested the State's equalized value for our Town because of obsolete and/or incorrect information on file at the State level. For example, such information as zoning, flood plain areas, watershed areas, soil types, swamps and topography all have a very definite impact on the judgment of those who establish equalized values. It behooves all of us to make efficient use of maps and other available information and comply with and enforce applicable laws as fairly and equitably as possible.

If you examine the chart entitled "Subdivision of Land for Tax Purposes," you will note that there has been a substantial increase in those categories which, regardless of valuation, cannot contribute its proportionate share of tax dollars. In fact, the acreage in this category is now 28½ of our total taxable land area. The significance of this chart is that, even if the Town budget were to remain static, with this decrease in the land portion of our tax base, there would have to be a substantial increase in the amount of tax dollars paid by the average individual to defray the cost of operating the Town.

To further compound this problem, we expect less reimbursements from the State during the Fiscal Year '77. For example, we expect to receive approximately 65% of Chapter 70 funds for the support of education. The other 35% will go to support Chapter 766. We also expect some more reductions in the State's contributions (payment in lieu of taxes) for the land which they own throughout the Town. We can see an increase coming in our share of County taxes and other payments which are charged against us on the Cherry Sheet.

Approximately 54% of the cost of operating State government comes out of the property tax. This is the highest in the nation! The national average is only 40%. At this point, we see no possibility of the Legislature favorably acting on bills designed to give the property owner relief - not until some other source of money is provided to replace that currently provided through the property tax.

There will be ever-increasing pressures put on local assessing functions by the Bureau of Local Assessment. These include but are not limited to:

1. Certification of Assessors.
2. Improved office records.
3. More sophisticated mapping.
4. Computerization of the Assessor's records.
5. The need for more detailed information to be submitted to the Bureau of Local Assessment.

During 1975, we processed 5,346 motor vehicle excise bills. Of this number, 515 bills or

SELLING PRICE OF LAND

4000-

3500-

3000-

2500-

2000-

1500-

1000-

500-

\$4023

\$3800

BUILDING LOTS

\$2800

\$2500

\$2200

LARGE PARCELS OF LAND

\$946

\$823

\$907

\$577

Developers
&

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duals

\$400

\$482

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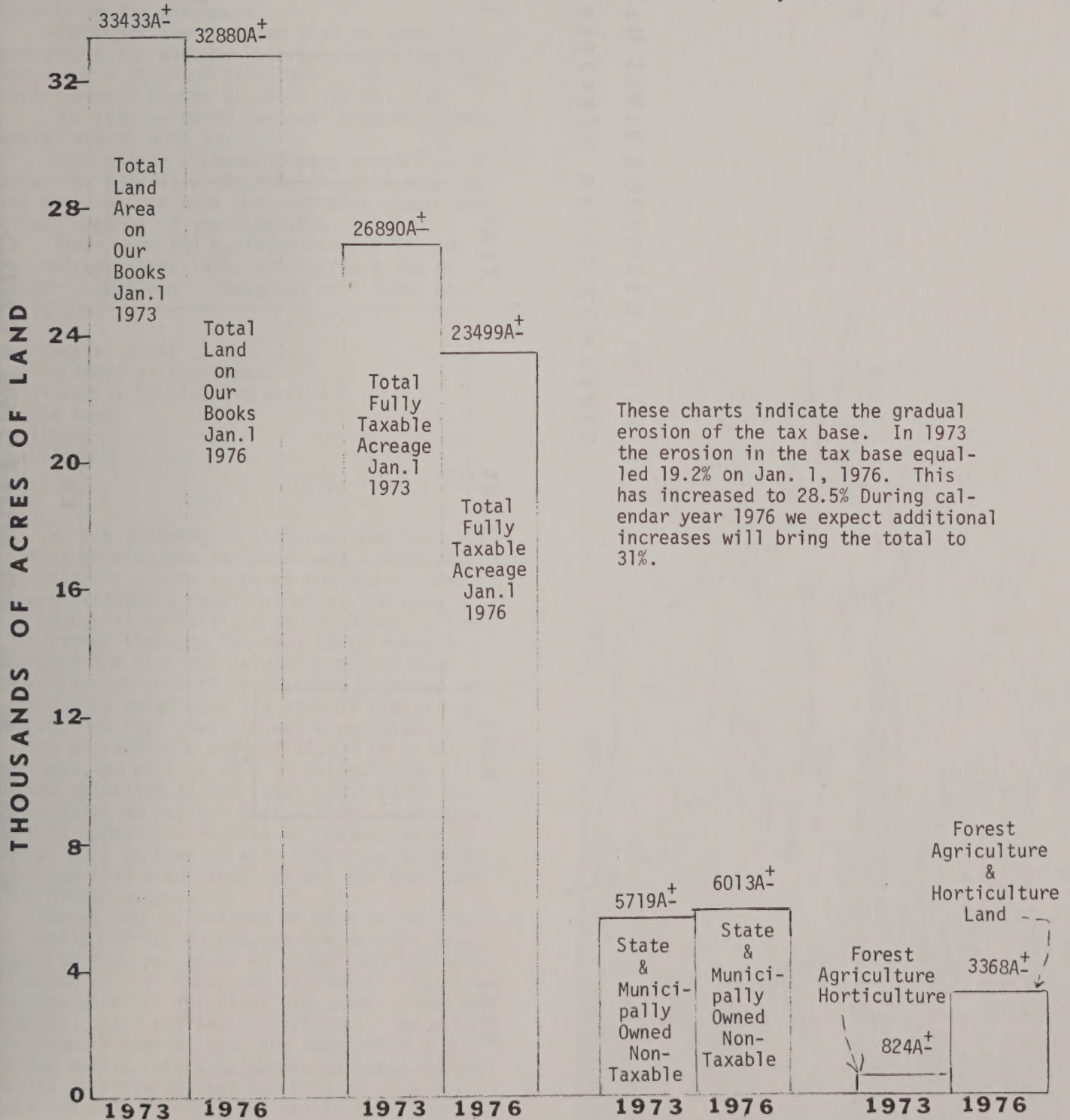
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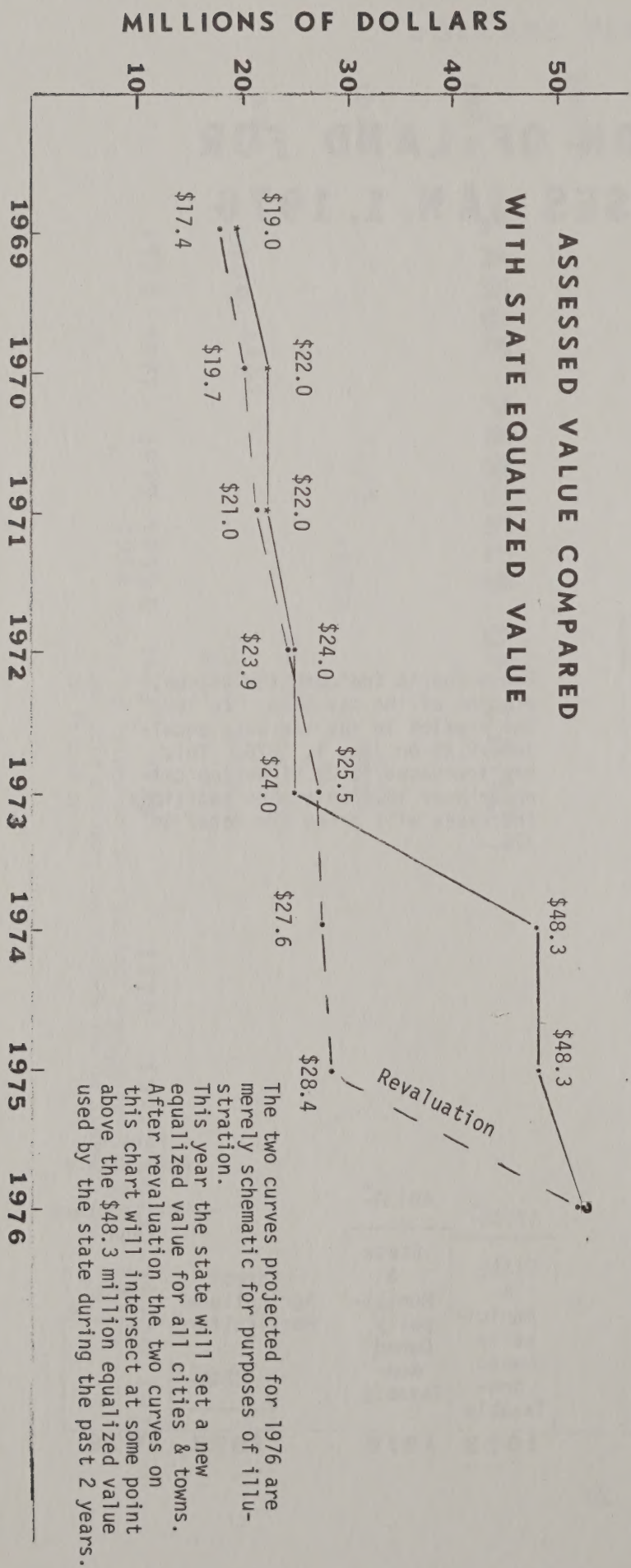
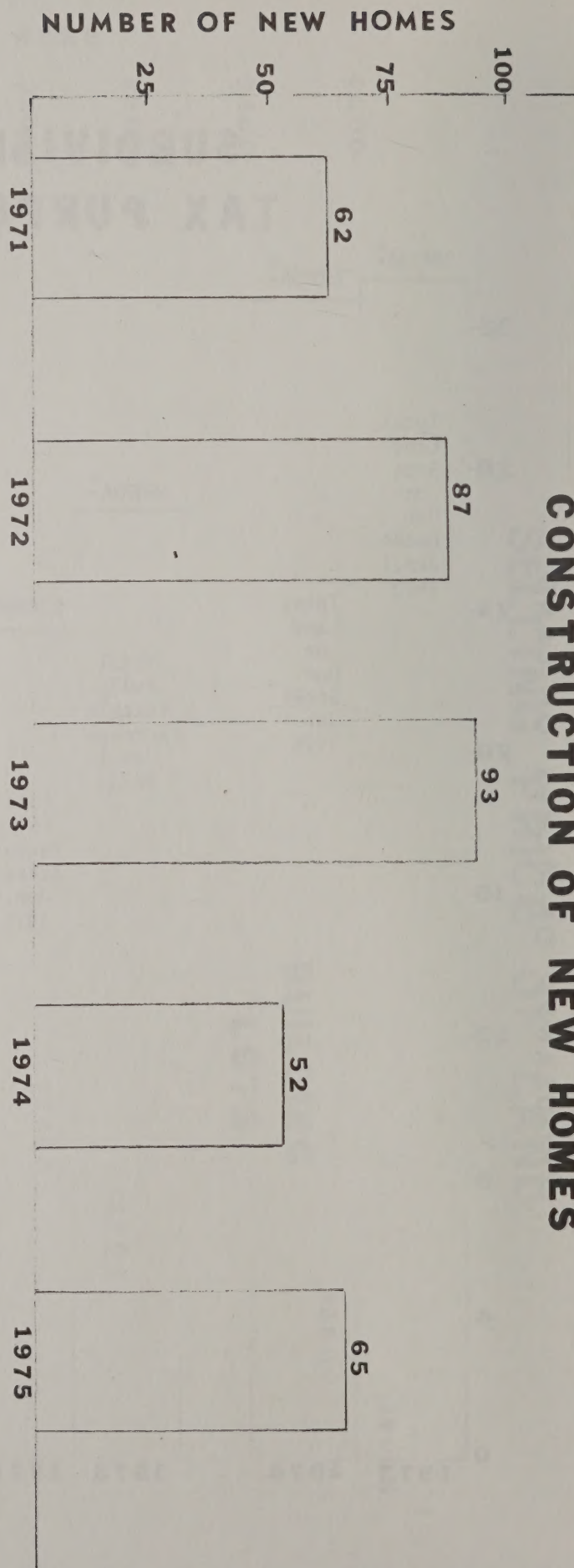
1973 & 1975
1974

Note: The values per acre reflect average selling price per acre and does not include family transactions or forced sales.

SUBDIVISION OF LAND FOR TAX PURPOSES JAN. 1, 1976



CONSTRUCTION OF NEW HOMES



9.6% had to be abated, representing an abated cash value of \$13,927.89. We had hopes that the Registry of Motor Vehicles would be able to make more significant progress in sending out accurate bills now that the new title law has gone into effect. At this point it appears that we will have to continue to live with a situation which is a constant irritant to many of the taxpayers.

Statutory law dictated that we grant 163 abatements for widows, veterans, the elderly, etc. for a total of \$42,416.17. This is the equivalent of almost \$1.50 on the tax rate.

The cash value of personal property abatements totaled \$352.50.

Real estate abatements were granted in 17 cases for a total of \$1,458.15. This item and the previous one were the only ones under the direct control of the Assessors.

There were 184 building permits issued for calendar year 1975, which affect the Assessor's workload. These can be "broken down" as follows:

Residential homes	65
Non-residential (business)	40
Multi-family housing (40 units)	1
Mobile homes	6
Additions	68
Demolitions	4
TOTAL	184

We are planning to eliminate the need for another revaluation in the future. With the capabilities of the computer and the new techniques available, equalization of the Town's tax base will be possible at any point in time that trends indicate the need to increase or decrease the assessed valuation of our Town. Currently the task of revaluation is being completed at a relatively low cost of \$13.34 per parcel. We feel that through a continual updating process at a cost of \$4,500 to \$5,000 per year, we will be able to maintain the assessed valuation at the level required by law. Conversely, we believe that without mechanization to update our records as needed, we will not be able to keep up with expansion programs which we have predicted. We ask for your support of our budget.

As we see it, whether we plan to continue in public service or not, we are morally obligated to "get our house in order" and gear our planning so that those who follow will be able to cope with the increased pressures levied by Federal, State and local conditions. We will continue to provide you, the taxpayer and the voting public, with the latest and best information possible so that you will be able to make the most rational and mature decisions possible when passing judgment on those items which will affect your tax dollars.

Contrary to the thinking of many skeptics, we are here to serve you and we plan to continue doing so to the best of our ability.

Board of Assessors

Samuel J. Joyal, Chairman

Walter L. Papp

Edward O. Lofland



Conservation Commission

During the year 1975, the Conservation Commission held 12 regular monthly meetings, 6 special meetings and went on several on-site inspection field trips. Throughout the year our various members remained active checking out possible violations of the Wetlands Protection Act which were brought to our attention by concerned citizens.

We were sorry to lose two active members during the year, Barbara Sullivan and Sherman Gould, and thank them most sincerely for their time and energy spent on our behalf. We were

pleased to welcome two new members, Eleanor Schmidt and George LeClerc, and look forward to working with them in the future.

As the development of our town becomes more and more intense, the need for a stronger and more active Conservation Commission becomes more and more necessary. Our Commission needs interested citizens who are willing and able to devote some of their time and energy for the orderly growth of our community. I urge those of you who have this desire to make yourselves known to either the Board of Selectmen or this Commission.

Respectfully submitted,
Kenneth W. Rhodes, Chairman

Land Evaluation Study Committee

The Land Evaluation Study Committee, having considered many possibilities, recommends two actions for your consideration.

1. That the old highway garage, now obsolete and of little or no future value, be torn down and the plot of land on Jabish Street be converted to a parking lot for Parsons Field.

2. That the Town attempt to acquire from the Department of Mental Health that wedge of land starting at the intersection of Jackson Street and the railroad tracks and running northerly to Hamilton Street, a portion of which is already owned by the Town as the site of the new highway garage.

This tract contains three structures which have all been condemned by the State: the so-called root cellar, the Jepson house and the old poor farm. Because the Jepson house is now being used by the Department, we recommend that its transfer be arranged to occur only after the property is vacated to avoid any technical complications as to insurance, liability, etc. As

to the other two buildings, we suggest that they be boarded up or otherwise secured against further vandalism until such time as the Town decides on their constructive use.

We believe that the poor farm has great potential as a community center, a recreation center and an arts and crafts center and that the adjacent land is suitable for tennis courts, a swimming pool, horseshoe pits, shuffleboard courts and other recreational facilities for the young, the elderly and the community as a whole.

A more detailed report of the Land Evaluation Study Committee's activities and conclusions will be made available for your files.

We thank you for giving us this opportunity to be of service to the Town.

Respectfully submitted,
Henry Renouf, Chairman
Dorothy A. Rhodes, Secretary
Shirley Dorey
Janise Fitzpatrick
Edmund Gingras
Doug Magee
N. Rob Knudsen
Barbara C. Valliere

D.P.H. Representatives:

Development and Industrial Commission

The Development and Industrial Commission, now a revitalized five-member commission, has since 1974, provided this community with an intermediary between "industry" and government. This commission, long counted on just to bring in industry, evaluated its worth to the community before organizing. Members determined that Belchertown needed such a contact agency - not only to enable future development - but to monitor and support existing activity.

Initial efforts centered on determining what Belchertown residents wanted in this area and how to best achieve it. Surveys such as the SCOG report, the Master Plan and town meeting action influenced the groups' planning.

Lacking a budget which would permit outside assistance, efforts were made to obtain this through regional, state and federal aid. Some help was received from the state and the private sector. More detailed study was made so as to provide potential industry, in whatever form - recreational, light industry, etc., with adequate information to consider Belchertown without unnecessary delay or conflict, as often has been the case.

During 1975, the Commission worked on a

possible amendment to the Zoning By-Laws which would see the creation of a second industrial zone - light industry. In 1976, this will be further discussed with the Planning Board along with the Sewer Commission and the Belchertown Water District, in addition to other town agencies. It is felt by most commissioners that the present by-laws are too broad in this area and has caused the discouragement of some desired industrial growth in Belchertown.

Several possible new industrial prospects have been brought before the Commission which cannot be discussed here due to the competitive and confidential nature of attracting industry. As Belchertown lacks many of the key elements which permit sound development, we will have to work harder to attract them here instead of the surrounding desirable industrial areas.

The Commission will continue to work towards isolating and eliminating these handicaps and to highlight and promote our many assets. Continued work on making our existing business and industrial zones desirable for industry is our primary goal for 1976.

Respectfully submitted,
Peter M. Dearness, Chairman
Patrick D. Kamins, Vice Chairman
Michael J. Geser
Edward H. Parker
Bruno Land

War Memorial Committee

During the past few years, the War Memorial Committee met and elected the following officers: Chairman-Alice Samborski and Clerk-Robert Chevalier.

In 1974, we went ahead on Veterans Day and held services for the dedication of a bronze plaque on the War Memorial monument for the two young men of Belchertown, Michael Austin and Roger Gaughan who made the supreme sacrifice for their country in the Vietnam conflict.

In 1975, we were happy to get together to plan some tribute to the Town of Belchertown and its townspeople for the coming Bicentennial year of 1976.

Our many thanks to all who cooperated and helped us in our project.

Alice Samborski, Chairman
Robert Chevalier, Clerk
Carl J. Peterson, Jr.
Edward Lofland

School Committee Report

The Belchertown School System has had another interesting and eventful year.

One of our always relevant problems is space. With the increased participation of girls in team sports, our playing fields need some expansion and improvements. In the face of a continually growing and successful music program, additional space for practice and teaching areas and instrument storage is needed at both the High School and Elementary Schools. Playground space at Memorial School is a serious and difficult deficiency of this school. We will make modest proposals to the Town this year to deal with some of these problems.

The Volunteer Program in the elementary schools, previously coordinated by a capable and dedicated Parents Advisory Committee, was, at their request, placed in the hands of Mrs. Bernetta Stalker. In hiring a coordinator for this program, which utilizes the time and talent of some 90 volunteers and 30 additional community resource people, the School Committee formally acknowledged the value of such a program. This is community involvement that benefits everyone but primarily the student. The combined efforts of the Elementary Administration, Teacher Staff, and Volunteers have made individually guided education a reality in our Elementary Schools.

In the High School, the Administration and Staff are introducing practical courses for the student who is not planning to attend college and also has not selected vocational or business

training. This group represents approximately 40% of the school population and deserves career encouragement and training not previously offered in the general courses presented. We look forward to more variety and participation in this program.

We are pleased to welcome George Harrell to the School Committee. George was appointed to the Committee by the Selectmen and School Committee last fall from a group of excellent candidates. He has children in the school system and brings an extensive business background to the Committee.

I would like to invite any interested persons in town to attend our meetings. We welcome your comments and constructive criticism. Give Mr. Curry, the Superintendent of Schools, a call and he'll advise you of the next meeting place and time.

The Town and particularly the School Committee suffered the loss of a dedicated public servant with the death of Richard Pratt. His good humor, hard business sense, and willingness to be involved made the easy business of the School Committee fun, and the hard business reasonable.

Respectfully submitted,
George A. Smith, Jr., Chairman
Belchertown School Committee

Report of the Superintendent of Schools

The school administration continued to work to meet its goals during 1975 which are as follows:

- Goal I: To make effective use of the evaluation process in the improvement of instruction.
- Goal II: To prepare revised and strengthened K-12 curriculum goals and associated budget proposals.
- Goal III: To humanize the teaching environment.
- Goal IV: To communicate more effectively with staff/students/parents.
- Goal V: To work with teachers and parents

in innovating instructional programs.

- Goal VI: To make staff aware of the implications of Chapter 766.
- Goal VII: To accelerate the professional growth of the administrators.

Some of the indicators of these goals have been met. Others are of the long range type and will need further implementation during the coming years. All of the goals need constant reinforcing in the months and years ahead. Hopefully, these goals will facilitate the primary objective of the schools over the next few years which is to individualize instruction at all levels.

Very briefly, we would like to report to you on the individual areas of instruction:

BELCHERTOWN ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

(Center, Cold Spring, Franklin, and Memorial)

During the year 1975 the educational process of the elementary schools of Belchertown underwent several changes in a continuing effort to improve the elementary schools at all levels of instruction.

The emphasis is still on individualization of instruction whereby the focus of the educational process is on the individual child rather than on groups of children of the same age or grade level.

The philosophy of the Belchertown Elementary School System is a commitment to the development of the whole child according to each one's needs and unique learning styles. The educational process will focus itself on full respect for human worth and dignity.

The goals of the Belchertown Elementary Schools remain as in the other years:

1. To accord dignity to the learner by respecting him as a person, by individualizing instruction in a manner which allows him to learn according to a style that fits his needs, abilities, and personal fulfillment.
2. To expand and advance the humane dimensions of all learners by the cultivation of spiritual, moral, and ethical values and attitudes.
3. To develop in each learner the basic skills needed for communication, perception, evaluation, and conceptualization of ideas. Among the most important are reading, writing, speaking, listening, visual and computational skills.
4. To provide each learner with varied opportunities to nurture interests, to discover and to develop natural talents, and to express values and feelings through various media.
5. To foster individual commitment to exercise the rights and responsibilities of group membership and to respect the rights of others. To provide each learner with knowledge and experience which contributes to sensitivity and understanding of human similarities and differences.
6. To encourage personal responsibility for mental and physical well being through hygiene, exercise, nutrition, safety,

and proper use of drugs.

7. To provide each learner with knowledge and understanding for intelligent use of his environment.

INDIVIDUALLY GUIDED EDUCATION

I.G.E. stands for Individually Guided Education, a program which was implemented at the Cold Spring School during the school year 1975. I.G.E. has two major goals:

1. Self-improvement
2. Individualization of instruction

Individually Guided Education accepts non-graded schools, team teaching, multi-age grouping, differentiated staffing, and diagnostic-prescriptive teaching, not as innovations, but as the way schools ought to be organized.

I.G.E. is a comprehensive system designed to produce higher educational achievement by providing for differences among children in rate of learning, learning style, level of motivation, and other characteristics.

Cold Spring School is divided into three learning communities with each unit having responsibility for approximately 75-100 pupils. Each unit has 3 or 4 teachers and one unit leader. The multi-unit organization at Cold Spring School is an instructional and administrative organization that enables educational decision making, open communication, and accountability to occur at appropriate levels. Within each unit of the school, the staff members plan, implement, and evaluate the instructional program of each child in that unit.

The Program Improvement Committee (P.I.C.) is the next step up in the multi-unit school organization. It is composed of the principal and all the unit leaders; as such it is the link between the classroom and the administration. The P.I.C. works out the educational program for the whole building based on objectives defined in cooperation with unit staffs. P.I.C. members plan and coordinate their program with regard to school system policies. In-service activities also are planned and implemented by the P.I.C.

Specialists are brought in as needed to help the P.I.C. set up the curriculum, obtain materials, and deal with problems that require specialized knowledge.

Hopefully, in the future, I.G.E. will be expanded to include other schools in the system.

READING

Developmental Reading
Wisconsin Design
Title III

Library Remedial Reading

The pupils in the elementary school, grades one through six, continue to enjoy success with the Holt, Rinehart and Winston reading program. This program is one that is easily adapted to conform to our individualized reading which we put into practice a few years ago. It is especially acceptable to the teachers since it has a great deal of language art material built into its course of study.

Many of the teachers have begun team-teaching this year. This is especially true in the carrying out of the Wisconsin Design. The Wisconsin Design is not a separate program per-se but is rather a monitoring system. It serves as an aid to the teachers in sequencing the teaching of phonetic techniques. With the Design each teacher concentrates on a special area in the attainment of various phonetic skills and the children go to whatever class in which the skill for which he is ready is being offered. Next year we are planning to extend the Design to encompass the comprehension skills also.

A grant from Title III made available much audio-visual equipment and games. This equipment has greatly enhanced our reading program and facilitated our progress.

Volunteer parents come into the library each week to take groups from the various classes. These groups work on such things as creative writing, phonetic skills and library techniques. The library is growing to such an extent that plans are underway to move it to larger quarters.

This year the remedial reading program has been based on diagnostic-prescriptive teaching. Through testing and informal observation diagnosis is made of each child's reading program. As a result of this testing program, prescriptive objectives and goals are set for each child. A quarterly report is sent home to the parents indicating the specific goals and the progress the child has made.

A special effort has been made to integrate remedial lessons with the classroom teacher's reading plans. With this plan the child's remedial program will serve to reinforce the skills taught in the classroom.

IMS

The IMS (Individualized Mathematics System) is in its third year of use here and has been extended to grades one through six. The major component of the program are the laminated skill folders the children work on. The children work independently but also in small groups or with peer help. Parent volunteers help with a variety of classroom needs including correcting pre and post tests. The classroom teacher provides drill and practice along with the IMS program.

REMEDIAL MATH

The remedial math program helps improve computation skills with children having problems in math. Children work in small groups with a variety of resource materials. Abstract concepts are made concrete through the use of various manipulative materials and games.

Whenever possible, concepts are handled through the use of manipulative models. This gives the child something to relate the abstract concept to. Therefore the child has a better chance of remembering the material and being able to use it as a base for future learning.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

The Belchertown School Committee is mandated by the Massachusetts Special Education Law, Chapter 766, to provide special educational services to any child between the ages of three and twenty-two who have special educational needs. Below kindergarten age, it must be established that a substantial educational need exists which cannot be met through regular preschool programs.

The number of students from Kindergarten through the high school receiving special services has increased from 90 last year to a present number of 143. Services are providing in varying degrees in the areas of speech, hearing, physical emotional, behavioral and educational needs.

Belchertown is a member of the Hampshire Educational Collaborative. This is a consortium of the towns in Hampshire County which provides programs for multi-handicapped children and programs to meet the handicaps of children in low incidence categories. This means that Belchertown does not have to start a program for one child but may join with other towns who have children with the same need. Preschool needs for Belchertown have been met through collaborative screening and programming. This collaborative affiliation has eased the local financial burden of meeting the needs of children with various handicaps. Belchertown presently has six students attending collaborative programs, with two additional students in the evaluation process.

Two students in need of special services are being tuitioned to an out of district public school; one student is being home tutored; one student attending a private day school and one student a private residential school. Both students in private facilities were so enrolled prior to this enactment of Chapter 766 and have represented no additional financial commitment from the town.

All children entering Kindergarten in September, 1975 were tested in June for possible special needs. All are attending our regular Kindergarten program with special needs being met by school specialists in speech and education.

Parents are invited to request an evaluation

of their child should they suspect a special need exists. Referral may be made by parents, physicians, and school personnel. Once a child is referred, a Core Evaluation Team determines the appropriate tests to be given. Parents are urged to be a part of the evaluation process from time of referral through the writing of a specific educational plan.

ELEMENTARY GUIDANCE

The Elementary Guidance program has been enhanced by the addition of Wayne Frieden who works on a half-time basis under Title I funding. His service counteracts the loss of service which resulted when the Chapter 766 Special Education Law forced a change of role in our Elementary Guidance Counselor, Gary Millett, from guidance to a Core Evaluation Team member, (school psychologist). Mr. Frieden has been involved in individual and group counseling, developmental guidance activities, and bibliotherapy (the use of literature in counseling).

TITLE I

Project Assist, the school year Title I program, was expanded due to a substantial increase in federal funding. The services provided in this project include tutorial and small group instruction by qualified teachers in each of Belchertown's elementary schools. In addition, and a new component this year, is a half time elementary guidance counselor who provides support for low achieving pupils.

Project Prepare, the federally funded Title I summer program, was held for six weeks from late June through the beginning of August. The focus of this program is prerequisite learning skills for preschool through Grade 1 children in preparation for their next school year. Approximately 40 children participated in this program which has won state recognition for excellence.

SPEECH THERAPY

The speech therapy program provides diagnostic evaluation, therapy, and program coordination for students referred for articulation, auditory perceptual, language and stuttering problems. Consultation is also available for teachers and parents. Presently 58 children from Kindergarten through seventh grade are receiving therapy. It is hoped that the program can, in the future, be expanded to include high school students.

ELEMENTARY ART PROGRAM

The art program in the Belchertown Elementary Schools coordinates art lessons with classroom curriculum, enables the child to work with a variety of materials, stresses a knowledge of the elements of design, and provides the child

with an awareness of art work done by well known artists.

One of the more remarkable cooperative projects done in the art program in the spring of 1975 was the painting of a large, attractive, and very effective scene for the play, "The Wizard of Oz", and the construction of a large papier maché prop.

The children were rewarded for their efforts during the fall of 1975 when each child exhibited his work in a public art show that was enjoyed by all who viewed it. We will continue to provide the children with a value for their art work by having another art show in May, 1976.

In an effort to continue to improve the quality of the art program, we are anticipating the arrival of our new kiln to be used for firing clay projects made by the children.

ELEMENTARY MUSIC PROGRAM

The Elementary Music program in Belchertown is continually improving and expanding to include classroom activities which are meaningful to children and performances which exemplify integration of the arts. Center School captured the Bicentennial spirit with Mrs. Knightly and Mrs. Ahern coordinating a program of Indian music and dance at Thanksgiving, 1975. One I.G.E. unit at Cold Spring School, Mulberry Street, worked with specialists to present a version of "The Nutcracker Suite" at Christmas, 1975.

Materials purchased with federal funds, under a Title II grant, have enabled the music department to stress listening skills, music appreciation, and creative aspects of a music curriculum. This grant was entitled MASKS (Music, Acting, Speaking, Kindle, Self-Awareness).

In addition to annual spring and Christmas concerts, the Elementary Chorus, made up of 50 students at Memorial School, sang in three successful evening performances of "The Wizard of Oz" in April, 1975. This undertaking involved integration of the arts and cooperation and teaming of teachers. For a special Bicentennial event, the Chorus has been asked to perform with the High School Band in "A Saga of Western America" in April, 1976.

ELEMENTARY PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Individual skills and team games and sports combined with an emphasis on physical fitness are the major parts of the Elementary Physical Education Program. Activities include individual ball skills, rhythms, dancing, gymnastics, tumbling, and a variety of individual and team games.

A vaulting horse, a dual-level balance beam and a "wall gym" have been added to our gymnastics equipment and will be a great help to our programs since we no longer have a trampoline.

Several mini-olympic field days are being planned for this Spring. The activities of these field days will include skills on which the children have been working throughout the year.

Also, the Elementary Physical Education Department plans to coordinate several programs with the Music Department. A Thanksgiving Program at Center School featured Indian songs and dances in the spirit of the Bicentennial. Another Bicentennial Program is planned for the Spring in which the music and physical education departments will combine efforts to present a gala celebration of songs and dances commemorating America's 200th birthday.

SCIENCE

An innovative science program, the Science Curriculum Improvement Study (S.C.I.S.) began its fifth year of successful operation. The program is laboratory oriented and employs scientific inquiry. S.C.I.S. is one of only two elementary school science programs to be given the rating of excellent by the Massachusetts Association of Science Supervisors.

SOCIAL STUDIES

Modern, relevant and innovative social studies programs are being carried on at all levels with Family of Man - A University of Minnesota Social Studies Project in grades 1-4, "Man-A-Course of Study" taught in grade five and "People and Technology" taught in grade six.

INTRAMURAL SPORTS AT MEMORIAL

The intramural sports program was very successful during 1975. The program provides instruction and competition for all boys and girls in grades five and six who wish to participate. Included among the sports are basketball, softball, soccer, touch football and kickball.

INTERNS

Belchertown teachers have demonstrated their interest in the future of their profession by continuing to train teachers from the University of Massachusetts and Westfield State College. Student interns did their student teaching at Cold Spring School and Memorial Schools during the Fall of 1975.

HIGH SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS

Students from Belchertown High School serving as school volunteers contributed much time and effort by devoting many hours tutoring elementary pupils in reading and math on a weekly basis.

STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL AT MEMORIAL

A student advisory council began its second year of operation. The eight member committee was elected by their fellow classmates at Memorial School. The purpose of the council is to make recommendations to their advisor for improving the welfare of the pupils.

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

A Parent Advisory Council was set up by the principal two years ago to meet regularly with him to provide two-way communication between the school administration and parents. The Belchertown School Volunteer group is a member of the National School Volunteers Association.

SCHOOL VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

The School Volunteer Program, under the able leadership of Mrs. Bernetta Stalker, Coordinator, began this September with an initial Registration Week, followed by an Orientation Workshop at which the volunteers had the opportunity to meet the teachers to whom they were assigned.

There are 7 areas of volunteer utilization. They are Kindergarten; I.M.S., Reading, Spelling, etc.; Substitute Volunteers and Room Chaperones; Community Resource; Library; Babysitting; and Parent Advisory Council.

We have 108 Registered Volunteers donating an average of approximately 215 hours a week. Individual volunteers are giving from 1 hour to 9½ hours a week for Volunteer Services.

An as aid to I.M.S. Volunteers, a Math course was established and approximately 15 volunteers are participating.

OPEN HOUSE

During the week of November 17-21, American Education Week was observed with Open House at all elementary schools.

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

During December of 1975, Parent-Teacher Conferences were scheduled in grades 1-6 at all elementary schools. The conferences were a success with over 85% of the parents in attendance.

ASSEMBLY PROGRAMS

The school children of Belchertown presented several enjoyable educational assembly programs during 1975. The highlight of the year was the musical play "The Wizard of Oz" performed by the Memorial School Drama Club. Grade six, the elementary band and chorus observed Memorial Day with an excellent program held in Memorial Hall. An excellent Spring Concert featuring the elementary band and chorus was held in June and was very successful. An excellent Christmas concert featuring the elementary band, chorus and drama club was held in December.

EDUCATIONAL FIELD TRIPS

Educational field trips were continued during 1975 for all grades. In June of 1975 over 70 sixth grade pupils attended Camp Sargent in Peterborough, New Hampshire for one week. Some of the other field trips taken were to Bobbin Hollow and to the Forest Park Zoo by the Kindergarten classes, to Austin's Farm and Laughing Brook in Hampden by grade one. Grades two and three visited Storowton Village Museum and Granby Dinosaur Museum in Granby. Grades three and four made an overnight trip to New York City and also visited the Springfield Science Museum. Grade five visited the Witch Museum in Salem and the sixth grade visited the Hall of Fame in Springfield and Quabbin Reservoir.

The elementary schools earnestly hope that an increasing number of parents will participate in school activities during the coming year. When the parents show an interest in the school activities it usually reflects in the children's desire to learn. This results in a happier and more meaningful school experience for parents, children and teachers.



BELCHERTOWN JR.-SR. HIGH SCHOOL

GUIDANCE

January, 1975, like all Januarys in the past, saw many resolutions made for our self-improvement. With the economic situation not improving and the job market looking hopeless, the Seniors not planning to continue their education resolved to begin job-hunting earlier than usual. There were twenty-eight Seniors on Work-Study and several of these were able to secure full-time employment through their work-study programs. Because of their early start and planning, many of these Seniors were able to take advantage of the early-release program as a result of securing full-time employment. Some resolutions are worthwhile and do work successfully. The Seniors planning to continue their education also completed their tasks earlier than usual with relatively good success. The Armed Forces got its usual share of our graduates and the wedding bells rang for a few also.

Statistics for the Class of 1975:

- 43% went on to higher education
- 22% went on to full-time employment
- 31% were undecided at time of graduation
- 4% entered the Armed Forces

Scholarships awarded at graduation:

The Belchertown Registered Nurses Association - Cheryl Fitzgerald

The Belchertown Teachers Association - Richard Green, Cathy Hews, Nancy Cook, Kathy Lofland, Cindy McCrea, Fred Stockton, and Ron McClure

The Steeple Memorial - Richard Green

The Chauncey D. Walker Legion Auxiliary - Cindy McCrea, Ellen Krause, and Kathy Lofland

The Holland Family Award - Donna Noyes

The Lions Club - Ellen Krause and Nancy Cook

The Student Council - Marie Brighenti and David Ferenz

The Lt. Michael P. Austin Memorial Awards - Laura Squires and Douglas Williams

The Walter L. Papp - Richard Green

The Louis A. Shumway Memorial - Paul Vanasse

The Mary Judkins Memorial - Cheryl Fitzgerald

The V.F.W. Post #8428 - Ellen Krause

The V.F.W. Ladies Auxiliary - Wendy Chevalier

The Student Action for Education - Cathy Hews, Robert Lachance, Ellen Krause, Kathy McGowan and David Campbell

The Mary Lane Hospital - Cheryl Fitzgerald

In actual dollar value we realized \$2,560 from all scholarships.

The 104th Commencement of Belchertown High School was held on June 5, 1975 on the High School athletic field. The Class Salutatorium was Frederick Stockton and the Valedictorian was Richard Green. The 1975 graduates were as follows:

Ablicki, Richard G.
Armstrong, Lloyd Victor
Baker, Michelle
Beaudoin, Claude R.
Berard, Patricia Ann
Bodzinski, Marianne C.
Bonatakis, Paul W.
Bosworth, Janice E.
Boudreau, David
Boudreau, Irene Ann
Boulrice, John Robert
Brighenti, Marie
Bronner, Gayann Marie
Brown, Rhonda Lee
Campbell, David A.
Canedy, Rebecca L.
Cartelli, Michael A.
Chambers, Marianne
Chartier, Michael Albert
Chevalier, Wendy Jean
Cole, Patricia Alice
Cook, Nancy Ann
Coulter, Steven Marc
Czupkiewicz, Debra Jeanne
Depot, Brian K.
Dexter, Deanna Kim
Dubovik, Mary Ann Rose
Ducharme, Sharon D.
Fay, Kevin R.
Ferenz, David Anthony
Ferland, Claire A.
Ferris, Patrick J., Jr.
Fitzgerald, Cheryl Lee
Green, Richard Mark
Guyer, Daniel J.
Hess, Donald J.
Hews, Cathy
Kajka, Ann M.
Kimball, Heidi Ann
Krause, Ellen Mae
Laboissiere Rule, Jeannine Marie
LaChance, Robert B.
LaChance, Roger I.
Lebida, Margaret Ann
Lofland, Katherine E.

Loftus, Kathleen Marie
 Lussier, James D.A.
 Maiers, Victoria Lynn
 Maillet, Cynthia Laura
 McClure, Ronald T.
 McCrea, Cynthia M.
 McGowan, Kathleen D.
 Mercier, Susan M.
 Mitchell, George T.
 Mitrowski, John M.
 Moran, Mark A.
 Morey, Sandi Lee
 Noyes, Donna M.
 Opalenik, Christopher B.
 Potter, Michael W.
 Rainaud, Laurie A.
 Ritter, Harry J.
 Roy, Robert P.
 Scharff, Anne Marie
 Slate, Cynthia Diane
 Slate, Donna A.
 Slessler, Mark P.
 Socha, Philip Walter
 Squires, Dale Ann
 Squires, Laura Jean
 Stockton, Frederick R.
 Terault, Sonia Renee
 Terwilliger, Patricia A.
 Terault, David C.
 Thompson, Sheila Anne
 Tolzdorf, Theodore L.
 Vanasse, Paul Robert
 Wedell, Linda Ann
 Whitlock, Henry E.
 Williams, Debora Ann
 Williams, Douglas Michael
 Williams, Robert
 Zglobicki, Karen R.

The guidance staff, enrichment center staff, and social studies combined in the Spring to provide a values awareness program for the seventh grade students. Mr. King, Mr. Waddell, and Mr. Hansbury provided the instruction and leadership in attempting to achieve the following goals: to have the students develop a better awareness of self; 2, to develop a more positive self-image of self; 3, to have the students become aware of common likenesses as well as differences among their peers. The same was done in the Fall for the new seventh graders by Mr. King and Mr. Waddell. The eighth graders were given a program this Fall by Mr. Hagberg to orient them to problems facing them throughout high school, course selection, and problem solving.

THE ENRICHMENT CENTER

During the past year, the enrichment center has been working with approximately forty students. The majority of students are in the 7th

and 8th grade with boys outnumbering the girls considerably. The center also deals with a small number of High School students.

The Enrichment Center has tried to provide supportive services rather than crisis intervention. Our main thrust has been to help students recognize and deal with their problems before they become a crisis. The methods that have been employed to help students are: counseling (individual and group), tutoring and small group work.

We were again fortunate to be funded for another TITLE VI program in September, 1975. The grant provided \$18,500 for the construction, staffing, and some equipment and materials for an Optimum Interaction Learning Lab for specialized help for 7th, 8th, and 9th grade students. The lab is now in the process of being built and should be operational for the second half of the school year, or the Winter and Spring of 1976.

BUSINESS DEPARTMENT

The Business Department curriculum meets the needs of students by providing them with an understanding of organization, functions, methods, and social significance of our American system of business enterprise. Students are given opportunity to acquire proficiency in a skill and to develop the necessary qualifications for initial employment in stores, offices, or other business concerns.

The curriculum offers intensive courses in the areas of secretarial, accounting, and basic business subjects to prepare students for entrance into business careers, for rendering efficient service in their careers, and for advancement to higher levels within their careers.

The curriculum comprises those aspects of business that are a concern to all persons who have as their objective, employment in business, either immediately upon the completion of a particular program of study in high school or after a period of additional study at college.

Specific competencies and business behaviours are merged in simulated or real business experiences that bridge the gap between school and business. The Lester Hill Office Simulation Program is used in the Secretarial Training and Office Procedures class and the Distributive Education class. The simulation revolves around the operation of a branch office of the Lester Hill Corporation, a national distributor of hotel and motel supplies and equipment.

The Lester Hill simulation covers the three office systems that are central to any office operation: SALES, PURCHASING, AND CASH CONTROL. Students who participate in the Lester Hill simulation will develop and apply a wide range of marketable skills, acquire a broad range of occu-

pational experiences by rotating through different and varied positions, undergo realistic patterns of interaction with one another, and develop the personal traits and human relations skills that are necessary for success in any occupation.

During the past year Miss Fitzgerald, Mrs. Kubacki, and Mr. White have attended seminars and workshops in the business field.

To make the classroom learning more effective and realistic, the business students have made several field trips to varied destinations. Mrs. Jane Kubacki has visited the Eastern Hampden District Court and the Hampden Superior Court with the Business Law class and Friendly's with the General Business class. The Secretarial Training and Office Procedures class, accompanied by Miss Madeline Fitzgerald, visited the IBM office, Massachusetts Mutual Insurance Company and Holyoke Community College and visited various departments of industrial corporation.

MATHEMATICS DEPARTMENT

The department offers a flexible program with a variety of courses to meet the needs of all students in math.

At the beginning of the school year, grades seven through eleven completed a transition in textbooks which had begun two years ago in the seventh and eighth grades. The textbooks reflect the most widely accepted programs in mathematics at the secondary level. The summer workshop for elementary and secondary mathematics teachers was held in which the following teachers participated: Mr. Gerald Nathanson, Mr. David Rainaud, Mr. Donald Moran, and Mr. Rodney Setkewich. Its purpose was to coordinate the math offerings in grades 5 through 8. Also, during the workshop the Elementary and Secondary staff gave careful consideration to the topic of individualized instruction in mathematics. Adoption of this kind of program is under consideration.

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

Teachers of the High School English Department met with the teachers from the Elementary School in a summer workshop to coordinate the offerings of the Elementary Curriculum with that of the English Curriculum of the Jr.-Sr. High School. One major outcome concerned the the present vocabulary lists offered in Grades 7-10. It was decided that these lists be included in Grades 5 & 6. The basic text that these lists will be drawn from is Millers Word Wealth.

The comprehensive writing program including bi-monthly penmanship practices (Rinehart Hand-

writing System) expanded to include Grades 7-10, last year remains successful and will be continued in the curriculum. A Departmental Comprehensive Testing Program will be administered to all Grade 8 and Grade 10 students at the conclusion of the academic year. A variety of Reading courses will be included in the Program of Studies for next year. Educational Field Trips are encouraged and classes have attended plays at Stage West in West Springfield to enrich current course offerings in English Literature, e.g. Shakespeare's "The Tempest".

SOCIAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT

One of the chief purposes of social studies education is the preservation of our cultural heritage to aid us in the development of the society we desire for the future. To achieve this goal, the Belchertown High School Social Studies Department instituted a number of activities this year to commemorate our country's Bicentennial observance. We continued our successful Colonial Fair involving many students in project development and we invited elementary students and people from the community this year. In conjunction with the Art Department, we held a Bicentennial Poster Contest in the Spring and on April 19th, we reenacted Paul Revere's ride with appropriate ceremonies at the Town Hall. Our field trips this year augmented this theme. We again visited Sturbridge Village and later in the fall made a worthwhile trip to three of the Boston 200 activities.

This year the department began implementing segments of the Life Education curriculum dealing with Career Discovery and Individual Awareness in our Junior High classes. Finally, in April of 1975, students from the High School were very successful in the Western Mass. Social Studies Fair. We won First and Second Prize in the Grade and 10 category and First Prize in Grades 11 & 12.

SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

Science at Belchertown High School looked toward the eighties - and predicted an increasing need for individualization of instruction. Semester offerings included Practical Chemistry, Woodland Ecology, Household Science and Multi-Media-Rama. Practicum in Physical Science was offered for the first time to reach those students who do not need college preparatory Physics. Additional class periods in Physics, Chemistry, and Biology afford additional laboratory time for many students.

High School students attended the Science and Humanities Symposium at the University and participated in several local field trips. Ecology continued as a major concern and Project "Fire" carried out by Biology students, resulted in plant

ing several fir trees in front of the High School.

Junior High classes continue with a small group approach to learning in the Physical and Life Sciences. Earth Science continues to be a popular ninth grade program.

Initiated by the Science Department, a program in Life Education was introduced in Junior High classes. Modules completed during a summer workshop and incorporated into the existing program included Health and Appearance and Human Growth and Development. A complementary unit, Individual Awareness was presented in Social Studies classes. Two additional units, Well-Being, and Career Discovery were completed during the summer of 1975 and will be introduced on a pilot basis in the coming school year.

Students were involved in considering curricular change and arriving at specific behavioral objectives as a more realistic approach to evaluating high school electives.

FOREIGN LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT

The 1975 Foreign Language Program offered to high school students four languages from which to choose; French, Spanish, German and Latin. The study of Latin for its derivative values in English, as well as its inherent language and legend value, has been rejuvenated at Belchertown High School (a national trend).

The four languages present different programs to accommodate the variety of learning styles in students. French, Spanish and German incorporate visual, as well as auditory and verbal methods. Latin retains the traditional structural style.

The Junior High Program now includes German, as well as French and Spanish, as one of the 4-233k sessions introducing beginners to foreign language study.

In the fall of 1975, 120 foreign language students attended Boston's International Cultural Fair. Handcrafts, dances, and culinary specialties indigenous to the native lands of United States' immigrants made students more aware of variety of cultures present in their own country today.

HOME ECONOMICS DEPARTMENT

The Home Economics had a very busy curriculum year. Home Economics I and II where combined into one full year course, introduction to Home Economics, open to both freshmen and sophomores, boys and girls. Advanced Foods became known as Basic Foods. The course was unchanged with one exception. The students spent two weeks of class time gaining career awareness in the school cafeteria under the supervision of Mrs. Ruth Richardson.

The co-educational Junior High program proved very successful. Seventh graders spent their eight weeks learning to use the sewing machines and commercial dressmakers patterns. Projects ranged from stuffed animals to dashikis. Eighth graders worked hard on meal management and nutrition. Emphasis was placed on balanced meals students could prepare on their own. Classroom prepared meals included; breakfasts, lunches, simple suppers and foreign foods.

Curriculum plans for the coming year include expanding the Family and Child Care course to two semesters; combining Stitchery and Tailoring into only one semester course; adding career education units in child care and food service at the Junior High level to increase student awareness of job opportunities.

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

The Music Department in the Jr.-Sr. High School continues to improve in all levels of quality instruction and performance. Five student musicians were selected for participation in the Western Mass. District Band, one was selected for the District Chorus, one plays for the Springfield Youth Symphony Orchestra, another student plays with the Pioneer Valley Symphony Orchestra and for the first time we have participants in the District Jazz-Rock Ensemble. Three students were recommended for All-State Band and Orchestra. This is a record number for the department and attests to the quality of education made available by the school system. Several students are currently pursuing music studies leading to music as a vocation. There are currently nine former students involved as music majors in leading under-graduate colleges in Mass. Two more have been accepted by music schools in 1976-77.

The Jr.-Sr. High School and Elementary Band participated in Veteran's Day, Halloween, and Memorial Day parades and continues to serve as the major musical units for various school and community activities.

This year again saw the third and final production of Photo-Musicale. This was a student-faculty endeavor utilizing the various hardware resulting from previous federal grants awarded for the show. The Photo-Musicale cast, including band, photography, modern dance, narration and technical support toured to Falmouth High School in Falmouth, Mass. where the program was received by a student body of over two thousand.

For those students who express a special interest in music there are courses offered in theory, harmony, and composition. Music subjects are also available on an approved independent study level.

The music department continues to reach a percentage of the student body that exceeds the

national average for this size school.

There are currently eighty-six Elementary students studying instrumental music this year which represents an all-time high for this system. It is apparent that present facilities will not continue to take care of such a growing interest in music.

The music program in our school system is designed to help students develop a sensitivity to the anesthetic values in music and to initiate and broaden an understanding of music through group participation. Our primary objective is one of aesthetic education and the development of aural intelligence with resultant public entertainment.

ART DEPARTMENT

The Art program provides students with a range of course offerings needed to meet their needs as well as create an awareness for art for possible future involvement as a post secondary student, hobbyist, craftsman, or as a discriminating consumer of art objects. Students are encouraged to work on an independent basis and/or contract of work in art. Also, the program helps to develop an appreciation and interest for art. The Ceramics course offering has proven to be of great interest to students.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

The girls physical education program in grades 7-12 continued in its development of physical fitness, motor-skill development, social development, and appreciation in knowledge and understanding in various athletic skills. Emphasis is placed on beginning skills in grades 7,8,9 with intermediate and more advanced skills in grades 10, 11, and 12.

Further successful development of the leisure-time activities program through contract learning has made it possible for smaller physical education classes in grades 0-12 with more individualized instruction. As a result, the athletic skill level of those girls remaining in class has increased more rapidly than in those classes where there were a large number of students.

Plans for the future include an organized program of coeducational activities in grades 7-12 and the purchase of more safety equipment and gymnastic apparatus for an increasingly improving tumbling and gymnastic program.

The Boys Physical Education program continues to be a popular course with the student body at the Jr.-Sr. High School. The enthusiasm of the Junior High students remains at a high level of interest. The needs of all students are being met through a variety of Physical Ed activities.

Golf and archery proved to be two popular additions to the program. Practical experience was gained by many students for the first time in these areas.

The American Alliance for Health, Physical Education and Recreation presented Belchertown High Schools' first Physical Education-Athletic-Academic Award to Miss Marie Brighenti, who is planning a career in physical education and is studying at Springfield College.

ATHLETICS

This was the fifth year that the Girls played in Bi-County League Competition. The basketball team had a record of 8 and 10 resulting in a sixth league standing out of 10 schools. Kathy Lofland was chosen for the Bi-County League All Star Team. The girls softball record was 16 and 4 which entered them into the Western Mass. Tournament. They won the quarter finals beating Ludlow, but lost to Cathedral in the semi-finals. The Bi-County League All-Star Team included Kathy Lofland and Marie Brighenti. The B.H.S. girls tied for second place with Hampshire Regional in league standings. The girls field hockey team, unable to play league competition because of the too few schools with hockey teams, played an independent schedule and ended up with a three and seven record. Home games were played on Parson's Field. Future plans for the hockey teams include a field on school grounds and uniforms for the next season.

The boys Athletic Program at the Junior-Senior High School continued to grow and flourish in 1975. The boys played full varsity and junior varsity scheduled in the Bi-County League in soccer, basketball, and baseball. Cross-country and track were offered on an informal basis. The cross-country team plans to participate in the Western Mass. League in 1976. The boys Junior High basketball team also had a full schedule of games.

The varsity soccer team completed its most successful season to date with Greg Coache and Chris Opalenik being named to the Bi-County League All-Star Team. The varsity basketball team finished second in the League and participated in the Western Mass. Basketball State Tournament, Division II, for the third year in a row. Dan Shelton was named to the League All-Star Team. The varsity baseball team had a successful season that included three exciting extra inning victories. Dale Adams was named to the League All-Star Team in baseball.

Future plans at the Jr.-Sr. High School include renovation of the baseball field, expansion of the soccer field, construction of a softball field and track area.

The athletic school year culminated in the spring with the Annual Sports Award Banquet sponsored by the Athletic Council. All students in grades 7-12 who participated in the athletic program received awards. Named most valuable in their respective sports at the banquet were: Greg Coache, Soccer; Dan Shelton, basketball; Ted Toldorf, baseball; Marie Brighenti, field hockey; Kathy Lofland, basketball and softball. The Athletic Council trophies were awarded to David Campbell and Kathy Lofland.

INDUSTRIAL ARTS DEPARTMENT

The Belchertown Jr.-Sr. High School Industrial Arts program moved into their second year of integration of both girls and boys and it is gratifying to see their acceptance as one of a positive nature. An experience in the Jr.-Sr. High School, on a mini scale, in the world of construction has held the interests of those participating in the program. The Senior High program has seen an increase in enrollment in course offerings. Skills in Plastics, Woodworking, Furniture, Silk Screening, Metal Working, Sign-making, Metal Lathe Work and some welding are being offered. All of these are related to the ways and means of the world of work in which we live.

REMEDIAL READING

This year there are thirty eight participating in the program. Fifteen are from the high school. Reading of a remedial nature, maintenance and improvement of skills, and guidance in reading in the content areas are available to them at any grade level. They may be accepted upon their own recognition of need or referral from teachers. Under some circumstances, arrangements can be made for more concentrated special work at eleventh and twelfth grade levels for which credit is given. Twenty three are from the seventh and eighth grades. These students are referred by teachers.

DISTRIBUTIVE EDUCATION (New program added)

Distributive Education is a program of instruction in marketing, merchandising, and management. The program is concerned with the instruction needed for the updating and upgrading of employee knowledge for career development, and for operational management.

Distributive Education provides a flexible program that functions as part of the total education plan. It can be adapted to the needs of both large and small communities.

LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

Library use has increased this year with entire classes in the library for research purposes. A library orientation program has been initiated to teach the Junior High students library skills. The reserve shelves are filled with materials requested by the individual classroom teacher to supplement course work. With the expansion of the independent study courses, the

library is more heavily used both for circulating and reference materials.

College bound seniors attended a workshop at the twenty-eight story University of Massachusetts Library. The seminar was led by Paula F. Mark, the Instructional Services Librarian. The students learned the Library of Congress system of classification as well as the entire information retrieval process so vital to the college research paper.

A successful (used) book fair was held in November, with over 300 volumes sold. The proceeds will purchase new titles.

The Reading Enrichment Paperback Book Program has been initiated. It is based on the research of Dr. Daniel M. Fader, and Dr. Elton B. McNeil. Their research shows that motivation to read sharply rises when students are surrounded by a variety of high interest paperback books. The program seeks to strengthen the skill of reading which is so essential both in school and out of school. It includes 510 Junior High School Level Titles, and 500 Senior High Titles. These titles are equally distributed in the following categories:

- General Fiction
- Non-fiction
- Sports/games/hobbies
- Science
- Ethnic/Social Studies
- Youth Culture/Self
- Help/Reference

Federal statistics indicate that the national level of reading ability is declining. Hopefully, this program will provide our students with the ability to read and comprehend well.

Federal funds have been applied for under the ESEA Title IV B program, for libraries and learning resources. The grant money will update and expand both our social science and literature collections.

Many new periodicals have been added to supplement the interest in Media. They include: Media and Methods, Previews, Filmmaker Newsletter. For our current events knowledge, we have added to our list of newspapers the Boston Globe. We currently receive the New York Times, the Belchertown Sentinel, The Springfield Union, and the Christian Science Monitor. New books are also being ordered for school work, but also for pleasure. Our circulation figures for sports books, cooking books, novels, etc. are higher this year. Students are reading for recreation.

AUDIO VISUAL

The Audio-Visual Department provides the classroom teacher with media tools, overhead projectors, 16 mm. projectors, slide and filmstrip projectors, record players, tape recorders, Videotape recorders, etc. The use of AV equipment is on the rise, as is

the use of media in the classroom as an effective teaching tool. The new VTR systems, both large and portable are in constant demand. The VTR system includes the tape deck, the camera, the sound system, and the TV monitor. We have plans to add another large camera and eventually a switcher to our system, rendering it more flexible. Students have been trained in the use of the equipment. They have videotaped such events as the Swift River Valley Historical Society's Annual Meeting, the Open House at the High School, the Colonial Fair, and the Senior Class play, "Bye Bye Birdie". Many teachers are also using the VTR, and have taped network shows for classroom use, for example, the National Geographic Specials. With this equipment, the faculty and students are benefiting from the Massachusetts Educational Television broadcasts. MET is responsible for the production of over fifty instructional TV series for grades K-12. These programs are broadcast through the facilities of WGBY TV, Channel 57 in Springfield, from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., weekdays throughout the school year. One additional unique use of our video equipment has been the taping of the basketball games. Viewing these tapes helps both the players and the coach work together more effectively, and they also provide the Orioles with one more resource thus insuring another fine season.

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES, CLUBS, ETC.

STUDENT COUNCIL

The Student Council started off the year by organizing a trip to the Eastern States Exposition held on September 12, 1975. Approximately four hundred students took advantage of this educational experience. During the month of December, the Student Council sponsored a pep rally to kick off the winter sports season, and were received by an enthusiastic and spirited crowd. The Student Council meets bi-monthly to organize and carry out its many in-school functions, some of which include a student-run book store, elections for citizen of the month, and functions to initiate school spirit. This year the Student Advisory Committee and the Student Council will work together to aide teachers and administration in organizing a new elective activity period to replace homeroom as it exists today.

MODERN DANCE CLUB

The Modern Dance Club of Belchertown High School presented its 9th annual spring concert entitled "Sentiments". For the first time, students assisted in the production duties, the directorship and lighting assembly of the entire

program. Once again, the dance club choreographed their own numbers and taught newer members routine.

Four members of the club were chosen to perform in Photo-Musicale II with a student dance organization of fifteen to develop themes, create costumes, and work on the choreography of all the dances performed in Photo-Musicale III.

HUMANITIES CLUB

The Belchertown Jr.-Sr. High School Humanities Club began its community and school service activities by collecting just under 800 pairs of eyeglasses by the end of the year. The eyeglasses were to be reframed and distributed to needy families throughout the country.

Project Share, the donation of food baskets to members of our community temporarily in need, was a great success, with 15 families receiving both turkeys and food stuff.

Save the Whales, brought the club into contact with legislators and supporters from across the country when the students embarked on a nationwide campaign to stop the slaughter of an endangered species, the whale. The club collected 500 signatures to stop this needless destruction which they sent to the ambassadors of Japan and Russia.

Toys for Joy, the clubs' Christmas project of giving toys to children in our community, saw 31 children enjoy a much happier Christmas this year.

Along with winter came the Humanities Club campaign for environmental awareness. Earth Week and Food Day celebrations saw the creation of hundreds of projects and displays, as well as the unprecedented recognition of winning, for the second year in a row, the Presidents Environmental Merit Award for the excellence in environmental protection and ecology studies.

Also, under the prodding of the club, advisor Shaun Bresnahan wrote, and was awarded, a \$1000. grant from the State for project SEE (Studying the Environment and Energy) which bought much desired audio visual material for the High School for a future course to be taught by the Social Studies Department.

The overall success of the Club was due, in great part, to the concern of the students at Belchertown High School for the welfare and protection of their home and town, Belchertown.

STUDENT ACTION FOR EDUCATION

Student Action for Education was formerly known as Future Teachers of America. It is now oriented toward service projects while still keeping the original purpose of interesting students in a teaching career.

This group is small, but its membership has

doubled since last year.

One of the useful services and an appropriate one, is tutoring.

From their money-making projects, they were able to provide five scholarships of seventy-five dollars each at graduation. The decision of the membership was that these be awarded to qualifying students entering any field. It was also their wish to give less money to more students than larger sums to one or two.

Hopefully, the number and amount of scholarships can be even more this year.

SENIOR PLAY

The Senior Class of 1976 presented "Bye, Bye, Birdie" on December 11, 12 and 13, 1975 to full capacity audiences. This lively musical involved approximately fifty students in various aspects of play production, providing fine entertainment for the community and a valuable educational experience for those involved. Leading roles were played by Jeff Moreau as Albert Peterson, Arlene Amprimo as Rose Alvarez, and Michael Carr as Conrad Birdie. The show was directed by Miss Elizabeth Reagan.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

The eighth annual induction of the Aristos Chapter of the National Honor Society was held on Tuesday, April 15, 1975. Students, 10 in number, were elected to permanent membership in the National Honor Society. The principal address was given by Attorney Joseph White.

Other Senior Class activities include:

Miss Donna Noyes was chosen to represent Belchertown Jr.-Sr. High School as the school's D.A.R. representative.

Miss Andrea Dorey was the winner in the annual Betty Crocker Homemaker Award Contest.

The annual Senior Class Trip to New York City was made during the spring vacation.

In February, the Senior Class play entitled "Don't Drink the Water!" was presented and was most enjoyable, as well as successful.

The Belchertown Jr.-Sr. High School Citizen of the Year was Donna Noyes.

STATE POLICIES AFFECTING THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS:

With each passing year, the schools are subjected to an ever-increasing variety of pressures from an ever-growing variety of sources. Legislation is passed, such as Chapter 622 or Chapter 766, and court cases are adjudicated which impinges upon the daily operation of the

schools. The rapidly changing values of a complex society produce a plethora of demands often in conflict with each other.

As each school responds to these pressures, changes are effected in curriculum, methodology, techniques and management. New policies are promulgated in response to legal requirements and to continue the effective operation of the educational system.

Five new policies have resulted at the Jr.-Sr. High School during the past school year. A long and complex suspension policy was mandated by rulings of the U.S. Supreme Court in this area. A policy, in effect, granting students aged eighteen or older the rights and responsibilities of adults in school related matters follows a state law in similar regard. Legislation again, coupled with edicts from the State Department of Education, have resulted in an extensive and involved policy pertaining to student records. This policy assures access to records by parents and students but restricts access to third parties without proper authorization. The two remaining policies address problems relating to attendance. The first, requires, with appropriate exceptions, that students be in attendance a minimum of 85% of the time to enable them to receive passing grades in any course taken. The second, enables the school to accept a telephone contact with parents in lieu of written excuses for a students' absence or tardiness, thereby enhancing the efficiency of the office procedure in this area.

The taxpayers of Belchertown have had the pleasant advantage of one of the lowest per pupil cost in the Commonwealth. During the last school year, the per pupil cost to Belchertown was \$424.81. This was only 54% of the average local per pupil cost in Massachusetts of \$780.64. The per pupil cost from all sources (local, state, federal) for our town was \$994. compared to a statewide per pupil cost of \$1194.

However, I fear our advantages in state aid are diminishing due to the change in town evaluation. The increase in the worth of the town will hurt us badly in future years.

We, in the School Department, will try to maintain your schools as economically as possible consistent with good education.

The Belchertown Public Schools suffered a grievous loss in 1975 due to the passing of School Committeeman Richard D. Pratt. A dedicated member of the Committee, an earnest seeker of excellence in education, and a loving friend to many of us, Dick will always be a part of those of us who were privileged to know him.

We extend a welcome to our new Committeeman George Harrell of Chadbourne Road. We know George will find great satisfaction in his service to the youth of Belchertown.

Respectfully submitted,

John B. Curry, Jr.
Superintendent of Schools

School Financial Report

Proposed School Budget July 1, 1976

through June 30, 1977

	<u>Fiscal '76</u>	<u>Fiscal '77</u>
1000 - Administration	\$ 41,162.	\$ 41,936.
1000 - Out of State Travel	200.	200.
2000 - Instruction	1,076,627.	1,184,683.
2000 - Out of State Travel	1,720.	1,790.
3000 - Other School Services	156,151.	166,709.
4000 - Operation & Maintenance	214,508.	295,253.
7000 - Fixed Assets	6,526.	62,320.
9000 - Programs with Other Schools	40,840.	40,740.
	<u>\$ 1,564,734.</u>	<u>\$ 1,793,631.</u>

Report of the School Nurse

The year 1975 was a very busy one due to the implementation of Chapter 766, the new law enabling every child, between the ages of 3 and 21, with a learning handicap, a complete educational evaluation. Home assessment and comprehensive reports were completed for every student undergoing a complete screening. This evaluation process has enabled several children to receive extra assistance pertinent to their needs.

Vision and hearing screening exams were performed on 1310 students with 48 hearing and 66 vision referrals sent to parents whose children would benefit from a professional exam.

Immunization clinics were held throughout the year in conjunction with the Board of Health and Dr. Kenneth Collard. Tuberculosis detection clinics were held for the faculty and the Parent-Volunteers with 66 attending. Dr. Collard admin-

istered Flu Vaccine to town employees in October. A tetanus toxoid booster clinic, open to all townspeople, was held in May. Three pre-school clinics were held in successive months to immunize against Measles, Mumps, German measles, Polio, Diphtheria, Pertussis and Tetanus. These clinics are open to all townspeople, free of charge.

Dr. Kenneth Collard, our school physician, administered 357 school physicals to all students in Kindergarten, 4th, 7th, and 11th grades and to 206 students participating in sports programs.

The majority of my time is spent assessing and managing medical emergencies in the five schools.

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia C. Ayers, R.N.

Pathfinder Regional School Committee

The Pathfinder Regional Vocational-Technical High School District Committee is pleased to present the following report to the citizens of the four-town district covering the third year of its operation.

Major changes occurred in the committee membership with the completion of terms for Harry Uguccioni and Norman Walker and the resignation of Robert Carper. Each of these gentlemen had served the district with distinction since its beginning. They were replaced, respectively, by Michael J. Cavanaugh, Russell Dean, and Henry Trepas.

Now nearing its capacity, the school enrolled 453 students as of October 1, 1975, in the ten vocational areas presently offered at Pathfinder.

Program	Grade 9	10	11	12	PG
Agribusiness	15	13	12	8	
Automotive Mechanics	12	16	18	10	
Carpentry	12	12	24	17	1
Clothing	9	17	4	5	
Cosmetology		5	8	9	5
Culinary Arts	13	12	10	8	
Drafting	11	13	9	2	
Electricity	17	16	17	13	
Health	11	7	7	4	
Machine Shop	15	15	15	6	

Nine full-time and two part-time teachers joined the staff during the year. Six of these persons were replacements; three were employed to implement new phases of curriculum offerings. In addition, both an administrator and an instructor in special education were added to the staff, the latter through a federal grant program. Pathfinder now employs three central office administrators, one in special education, one in guidance, 43 full-time and 2 part-time faculty members.

During the 1974-75 school year, a thorough review was done of all curriculum areas and course offerings. The faculty and administration formulated a number of recommendations, and the school committee has implemented several as of this date. Notable among these improvements has been the implementation of a required reading and study skills program in grades 9 and 10, expanded science offerings to include metallurgy, a repair and renovation program in carpentry, a resource center in special needs, dietary, home health aide, and child care components to the health program, and a new grading structure in physical education. New courses in forestry,

conservation, and turf management were included in the agribusiness curriculum.

Recognizing the need for updated, quality equipment in the shop areas, the school acquired major pieces in the machine shop through government surplus; a new front-end machine in the auto shop, industrial sewing machines in clothing, and a new tractor through federal funds to name only the major items. Construction was begun on a new greenhouse-headhouse for the agribusiness program. Four new vehicles were acquired - a small bus through the courtesy of Palmer Motor Coach, a sixteen passenger van from federal funds, two government surplus trucks, and two trailers - all at no appreciable expense to Pathfinder.

A continuing service to the member towns has been the construction and renovation projects completed by the carpentry and electrical students. Among the significant items have been the New Braintree highway department building, the extensive renovation of the Monson Town Hall, installation of lighting in the Junior Achievement center, press box at the Legion Field in Palmer, and the construction of a garage/lumber storage shed on the Pathfinder grounds. Each of these projects has been an ideal learning experience for the students and has continued to save taxpayers money for otherwise expensive work. The school committee has approved the institution of a house-building program for residents of the district to begin in the fall of 1976. This program is an integral part of the curriculum in vocational schools across the state.

Pathfinder students continue to provide unique services to our senior citizens, patients and shut-ins, and to civic organizations. Culinary arts students continue to excel in the preparation of large banquets as well as the weekly "Tea Room" menus. Students in the cosmetology program learn through working with patrons from the above groups, and agribusiness students have regularly provided floral displays and landscape work for town and civic functions.

Vocational schools such as Pathfinder have some rather special responsibilities in the area of programs for students with special needs. The school committee has been pleased with the initiative which Pathfinder has shown in assuming a strong role in providing vocational and support programs for sixteen students under Chapter 766. A federal grant of \$14,321 has enabled the school to provide a resource room and special needs teacher as well as to acquire valuable materials to assist students with learning problems.

Recognizing the current fiscal crisis in pub-

lic education, the school committee and administration have sought and obtained federally funded programs to enable services to expand beyond the normal secondary school programs. In addition to the special education grant noted above, the school has obtained funding for the senior citizens' lunch program presently serving between 70-110 persons per day. Through Pathfinder's efforts, the Town of Monson received a grant of \$7,500. from the Massachusetts Bicentennial Commission to aid in the restoration of the Town Hall.

As of this date, a contract has been signed between Pathfinder and the Division of Special Education to provide vocational programs to residents of Belchertown State School and Monson State Hospital. Funded by a grant of over \$66,000, this program is reported to be the first of its kind in the nation.

Negotiations are presently being concluded for a CETA Manpower Training Program in excess of \$100,000. The Committee is indeed proud of these accomplishments, but notes with regret the dwindling state support through grant funds to regional and city vocational schools.

Despite the bleak financial picture throughout the state, Pathfinder has continued to provide high quality instruction with a comparatively modest budget. Appropriations for Fiscal 1975 resulted in a net operating budget after reimbursements of \$559,221.82, an increase of less than \$20,000 over the previous year. However, due to recently enacted legislation making changes in regional school aid, Pathfinder was eligible to receive \$114,113 directly from the state, this sum resulted in a reapportionment to the member towns so that the final total was decreased to \$445,108.82. For the 1976-77 school year the committee has approved a net operating and maintenance budget of \$605,410, which will undoubtedly be reduced through the receipt of regional school aid again. Expansion of programs into new vocational offerings has been deliberately avoided during this period, but the committee senses a real need for additional courses and shop areas in electronics, graphic arts, and data processing within the not-too-distant future.

The highly popular evening school program was continued during the past year with 258 students enrolled in the areas of automotive mechanics, carpentry, creative stitchery, culinary arts, dressmaking, electricity, horticulture, machine shop, oil burner repair, slipcovers and draperies, small engine repair, technical business training, and G.E.D. preparation. The major objective of these courses has been to enhance the employment skills of persons seeking further training in a given field.

Of particular note during the present school year has been the increasing interest on the part of the students in the business of the school which directly concerns them. Student representatives have met regularly with the school com-

mittee to discuss items of mutual interest, and the student council has assumed a greater degree of leadership than ever before. With this increased interest has come a greater degree of responsibility for which Pathfinder students are widely known.

Perhaps the most significant event of 1975 was Pathfinder's first graduation for 38 students. This ceremony was not only a fitting one for the first seniors to go out from the school, but it also served as a symbolic occasion for the many dedicated citizens who had worked for years to make Pathfinder a reality. Of these students, 19 are working full time, 12 are furthering their education, 2 have entered military service, and 5 are in other pursuits.

During the year, members of the guidance staff visit the town high schools to present information and slides of Pathfinder. An open house is scheduled for prospective students to visit the school, and evening open houses enable parents to tour the facilities and talk with teachers. The theme presents Pathfinder as a realistic alternative for any student in the district who can demonstrate that he has the desire and the commitment to profit from this school.

Respectfully submitted
Gerald L. Paist, Ed. D.
Superintendent-Director

David A. Staple
School Committee Representative
Town of Belchertown



Action Taken At the Special Town Meeting Held February 10, 1975

oderator - Charles W. Jackson
gistered voters present - 58
(Quorum required - 25)
eting called to order at 7:33 p.m.
e Clerk read the Return of the Warrant.

t. I. Voted to appropriate from Public Law
#92-512 (Federal Revenue Sharing, Entitle-
ment I, a sum of \$592.67; from Entitle-
ment II, a sum of \$1,966.89; and from Entitle-
ment III, a sum of \$540.44) to be used to-
ward the purchasing and equipping of a new
police cruiser.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

t. II. Voted to appropriate from the Police
Department Wage Account a sum of \$4000.00
to the Police Department Expense Account.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

t. III. Voted to appropriate from available
funds in the treasury the following sums of
money which total \$3616.49 for bills incur-
red in Fiscal 1973-74:

Bell & Hudson Insurance Agency, Inc.	\$2,619.73
Responsive Environments Co. Inc.	992.00
Leopold's	4.76

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

t. IV. Voted to authorize the Board of Select-
men to submit the necessary procedural docu-
mentation which will qualify the Town for
eligibility in the National Flood Insurance
Program as authorized by the Housing and Ur-
ban Development Act of 1968, as amended, the
Housing and Urban Development Act of 1969,
as amended, and the Flood Disaster Protection
Act of 1973, as amended.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

t. V. Voted to amend the Zoning By-Law of the
Town of Belchertown, as previously amended,
in the following manner:

Under Section IV entitled "GENERAL REGULA-
TIONS" and under sub-section VI-A entitled
"Non-conforming Uses", delete sub-paragraph
4, and insert in its place the following:

"4. Restoration. A building or structure
devoted to a non-conforming use (whether in
whole or in part: or a building or structure
which is non-conforming as to front set-back,
yard set-back, frontage, or area, may, if dam-
aged or destroyed by fire or other accidental
cause, be repaired or reconstructed within
the same portion of the lot, and to the same
extent in size and use as before, provided

that such repair or reconstruction is sub-
stantially completed within twenty-four (24)
months of the date of the damage or destruc-
tion."

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

(Prior to the final vote on the Article, an
amendment was made and seconded to strike out
the final clause beginning with the word
"provided.....". This motion and second
was subsequently withdrawn prior to a vote.
It was voted to amend the final clause by
striking out the word "twelve (12)" and sub-
stituting in its place the word "twenty-four
(24)", causing the final clause to read "pro-
vided that such repair or reconstruction is
substantially completed within twenty-four
(24) months of the date of the damage or de-
struction." This amendment was approved by
a majority vote.)

Art. VI. Voted to amend the official Zoning Map
by deleting from the Agricultural District
the following described land and including
the same within the Business District:

BEGINNING at an iron pin in the southerly
line of Maple Street, Route 202, opposite
Station 144+81⁺ of the 1948 State layout,
at the northwesterly corner of the land now
or formerly of the Northern and New London
Railroad; thence along a one degree (1°)
curve to the left whose chord runs S 8°-07'E,
1188.4 feet, along said Railroad land to an
iron pin; thence S 47°-33'W, 72.0 feet;
thence S 5°-33'W, 398 feet; thence S 3°-27'E,
245 feet; thence S 71°-33'W, 310 feet; thence
S 74°-33'W, 445 feet; thence N 0°-18'E, 397
feet; thence N 5°-07'E, 477.33 feet; thence
N 1°-05'E, 476.33 feet; thence N 5°-25'E,
99.4 feet; thence N 33°-54'W, 412.8 feet to
an iron pin in the southerly line of said
street; thence N 69°-37'E, 910.37 feet along
said line of said street to the point of be-
ginning; as shown of a plan dated December
1950 by John T. Casey, Registered Land Surve-
yor;

EXCEPTING from the above tract that portion
which lies between said line of said street
and a line parallel thereto and two hundred
(200) feet therefrom.

(Vote - Yes-31; No-8; Required for 2/3-26)

Art. VII. Voted to rename that section of road
lying northerly of Lamson Avenue known as Old
Bay Road, which commences and terminates at
the 1972 alteration and relocation of Bay
Road, to Bay Path Road.

(Vote - Unanimous Vote)

Art. VIII. Voted to appropriate a sum of \$2700.00 from the Road Machinery Earnings Account to the Road Machinery Expense Account.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Art. IX. Voted to authorize the Selectmen to sell six (6) chicken coops and eight (8) range houses located on a parcel of land recently acquired from the Department of Mental Health, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, under Chapter 400 Acts of 1973.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Art. X. On the Article to appropriate from the Assessors Legal Counsel Account a sum of money to the Assessors Data Processing Service Account, it was voted to take no action on this article.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Art. XI. On the Motion that the Town authorize the Board of Assessors to use the Wage Account appropriated at the last Annual Town Meeting to adjust the wages of their clerical help, commensurate with their current responsibilities, the vote was 18 yes, 21 no. The motion did not carry.

Voted to dissolve this meeting at 9:06 p.m.

Attest: Carl J. Peterson, Jr.
Town Clerk

Action Taken At the Special Town Meeting held April 7, 1975

Moderator - Charles W. Jackson

Registered voters present - 184

(Quorum required - 25)

Meeting called to order at 7:17 p.m.

The Clerk read the Return of the Warrant.

Art. I. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$1,571.95 to pay the salary increase mandated by Chapter 48, Section 57G, as amended, of the Massachusetts General Laws, for the period of August 1, 1974 to June 30, 1975, to Ernest M. Gay, Chief of Police, Town of Belchertown.

(Unanimous Yes)

Art. II. Voted to appropriate from Public Law 95-512 (Federal Revenue Sharing) Entitlement Periods 3 and 4, the following sums of money for capital expenditures:

Entitlement Period 3:

Planning Board-Desk	\$ 225.00
Selectmen-Table	100.00
Engineering Services-File Cabinet	100.00
Police Department-Manual Typewriter	300.00
Police Department-Typewriter Table	75.00
Engineering Services-Tripod	100.00
Engineering Services-Steel Tape	65.00
Engineering Services-Stadia Road	100.00
Building Inspector-File Cabinet	100.00
Planning Board-Portable Light	65.00

Subtotal 1,230.00

Entitlement Period 4:

Engineering Services-Used Transit	600.00
Highway Department- Foundation for Hoist System	1,000.00
Engineering Services-Drafting Table with light and "T" square equipment	350.00
Fire Department-Portable Radio	1,000.00

Subtotal \$ 2,950.00

Total \$ 4,180.00

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Voted to dissolve this meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Attest: Carl J. Peterson, Jr.
Town Clerk



Action Taken at the Annual Town Meeting held April 7, 1975

Moderator - Charles W. Jackson

Registered voters present - 260

(Quorum required - 25)

Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m.

The Clerk read the Return of the Warrant.

Invocation given by Rev. Harold W. Curtis.

The Star Spangled Banner was played by the Bel-

chertown Jr.-Sr. High School Band under the

direction of Mr. Lee Corneille.

Mr. Parker Ketchen, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, presented two awards to Lt. Col. Charles W. Jackson; the Outstanding Citizen Award, and a symbolic plaque commemorating his ten years as Moderator. In responding, Col. Jackson stated that he had appreciated the opportunity of being able to serve the Town and was grateful for the acknowledgments.

Plaques expressing appreciation for services rendered were presented to the two retiring members of the Finance Committee - Edward H. Gates who had served for six years and Kenneth H. Snow who had served for four years.

Art. I. Nominated and elected Mrs. Janet L. Wood and Mrs. Virginia M. Hislop as Almoners of the Whiting Street and the Mrs. Susan M.D. Bridgman Funds, each for one year; and George A. Poole as Trustee of the Calvin Bridgman Fund for three years.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Art. II. Voted to accept the reports of the Officers of the Town, excepting the report of the Finance Committee, and including the following interim reports:

1) School Site Study Committee, as presented by Molly Weir. Ms. Weir reported that due to the amount of work involved it was not possible to submit a report as mandated by Article XXX of the Annual Town Meeting March 11, 1974, and she requested that the Committee be extended for one year. The Moderator accepted a motion and second to extend the committee for an additional year and it was unanimously voted to grant this extension.

2) Development & Industrial Commission, as presented by Peter Dearness. Mr. Dearness reported that the Committee was actively studying possible business and industrial developments in Belchertown and surrounding areas.

3) Water Supply Study Committee - There was no response to the request by the Moderator for an oral or written report.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Art. III. Voted to appropriate to the Clapp Memorial Library Expense Account the sum of \$1,699.99, the dog license refunds of 1974.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Art. IV. Voted to authorize the Assessors, the Cemetery Commissioners, the Sewer Commissioners and the Tree Warden to appoint themselves to work in their various departments for the ensuing fiscal year, hourly rates not exceeding the following:

Assessors	\$3.50
Cemetery Commissioners	3.50
Sewer Commissioners	3.50
Tree Warden	3.50

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Art. V. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury, the sum of \$15,000.00 for improvements of the following streets, all public ways:

Summit Street	Jensen Road
Ludlow Road	Bardwell Street
Gulf Road	Green Avenue
Sabin Street	

pending reimbursement from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts under the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 497, Acts of 1971.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Art. VI. Voted to appropriate the sum of \$81,308.00 for Chapter 765, Acts of 1972, Highway Construction, the sum of \$15,000.00 is to be appropriated from General Laws, Chapter 1140, Section 20, Acts of 1973, for the Town's apportioned share and the balance thereof \$66,308.00 is to be borrowed by the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, under General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 6A, pending reimbursement from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts under the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 497, Acts of 1971.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Art. VII. Voted to appropriate the sum of \$42,425.00 for Chapter 90 Highway Maintenance, the sum of \$33,425.00 is to be appropriated from General Laws, Chapter 825, Section 1, Acts of 1974, for the Town's apportioned share and the balance thereof \$9,000.00 is to be borrowed by the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, under General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 6A, pending reimbursement from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts under the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 497, Acts of 1971.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Art. VIII. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$3,800.00 to purchase and equip a new police cruiser.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Art. IX. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$9,000.00 to purchase and equip a new dump truck for the highway department.

(Vote - Majority Yes)

Art. X. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$28,200.00 to purchase and equip a bulldozer for the highway department.

(Vote by show of hands: 135 Yes, 72 No)

(During the discussion on this article, a motion was made and seconded to take no action, but said motion was subsequently withdrawn at the request of the Chair prior to a vote.)

Art. XI. Voted to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning July 1, 1975, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws Chapter 44, Section 4, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Art. XII. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$400.00 to the Conservation Fund for the use of the Conservation Commission.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Art. XIII. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$2,000.00 to be used by the Assessors for legal counsel in resolving court tax cases.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Art. XIV. Voted to appropriate from the State Aid to Libraries Account the sum of \$2,226.00 to the Clapp Memorial Library Expense Account.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Art. XV. Voted to appropriate from Photo Musicale receipts the sum of \$118.00 to be used by the School Committee for expenses of said Photo Musicale.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Art. XVI. Voted to fix the salaries and compensation of all elected officers of the Town, as provided for by Section 108 of Chapter 4 of the General Laws, as amended; and to raise and appropriate, or appropriate from available funds in the treasury, money for departmental and incidental expenses of the Town for the ensuing fiscal year; and that the various major categories of the budget as contained in the Finance Committee's report be considered separately and acted upon; and further that these sums of money granted and appropriated for the several specific purposes therein designated, be expended only for the purposes as specifically designated under the direction of the respective officers, boards and committees of the Town.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Art. XVI. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$133,526.00 for General Government, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Art. XVI. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$116,561.00 for Protection of Persons and Property, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

(In connection with this vote, Mr. Albert Brown, Tree Warden, explained that he had requested \$100.00, not \$2000.00 as Insect Pest Control Wages and accordingly, the original motion was amended to reduce the total figure under this category from the \$118,461.00.)

Art. XVI. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$66,858.00 for Health and Sanitation, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

(In connection with this article, the original amount recommended in the Finance Com-

mittee's report under Dump (\$19,400.), was reduced by \$5,000. in view of the action under previous articles in the Warrant regarding equipment to allow the Town to maintain the dump.)

t. XVI. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$153,831.58 for Highways and Sidewalks, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

t. XVI. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$27,850.00 for the Veterans' Department, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

t. XVI. Voted to appropriate the sum of \$1,564,734.00 to defray the following itemized expenses of the School Department:

Administration	\$ 41,162.00
Administration-Out of State	
Travel	200.00
Instruction	1,076,627.00
Instruction-Out of State	
Travel	1,720.00
Other School Services	156,151.00
Operation and Maintenance	241,508.00
Fixed Assets	6,526.00
Programs with Other Schools	40,840.00

and to meet said appropriation the sum of \$6,044.00 is to be appropriated from unexpended funds in the Public Law #874 Account, \$2,457.03 is to be appropriated from unexpended funds in the Public Law #864 Account and the balance thereof to wit:
\$1,556,232.97 is to be raised by taxation.

(Vote - Majority Yes)

t. XVI. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,224.00 for the Clapp Memorial Library, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

t. XVI. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$21,046.00 for Parks, Beach and Recreation, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Art. XVI. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,536.00 for Cemeteries, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Art. XVI. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$83,921.32 for Pensions and Insurance, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Art. XVI. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,700.00 for Unclassified Items, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Art. XVI. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$66,857.50 for Maturing Debt and Interest, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Art. XVI. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,245.00 for the Bicentennial Commission, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Art. XVI. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 for the Industrial Development Commission, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Art. XVI. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 for the Historical Commission, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Art. XVI. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 for Engineering Services, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Art. XVII. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$140,156.73 to pay the Town's apportioned share of the capital budget, the operating and maintenance budget, and the evening school budget of the Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Art. XVIII. Voted to amend the official Zoning Map by deleting from the Residential District the following described land and including the same within the Business District.

Beginning at a State Highway bound on the easterly side of North Main Street near the intersection of Sargent Street, thence S 5° 15'41" E for a distance of two hundred fifty-five (255.00) feet to an iron pin; thence turning S 87° 30'41" E for a distance of three hundred seventy-five (375.00) feet along other land of Edmund F. and Pauline L. Wallace to a point; thence turning N 26° 30' 41" W for a distance of two hundred thirty-one and 20/100 (231.20) feet along the land of Joseph R. and Patricia J. Chadbourne to a Massachusetts Highway bound on the southerly side of Sargent Street; thence along a curve to the right with a radius of seven hundred ten (710.00) feet for a distance of one hundred seventy-seven and 90/100 (177.90) feet to a Massachusetts Highway bound; thence turning N 51° 56'10" W for a distance of eighty-four and 37/100 (84.37) feet to a Massachusetts Highway bound; thence along a curve to the left with a radius of forty and 34/100 (40.34) feet a distance of eighty-eight and 28/100 (88.28) feet to the point of beginning.

(Vote-Art. XVIII - Yes-184; No-18; Required for 2/3 - 135)

Art. XIX. On the Motion that the Town accept the provisions of Chapter 32B, Section 7A, paragraph "d" of the General Laws, in reference to paying a subsidiary or additional rate for contributory group life and health insurance for employees in the service of the town and their dependents, in addition to the payment of fifty per cent,

the vote was 84 yes, 98 no. The motion did not carry.

(Vote - Majority No)

Art. XX. On the Article-To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate from available funds in the treasury a sum of money to pay an additional rate of twenty-five per cent for contributory group life and

health insurance for employees in the service of the town and their dependents in accordance with the affirmative action taken under Article XIX of this Annual Town Meeting or take any action relative thereto, it was voted to take no action on this article.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Art. XXI. Voted to authorize the Selectmen to sell one chicken coop located on a parcel of land recently acquired from the Department of Mental Health, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, under Chapter 400, Acts of 1973, to the Belchertown Water District for the sum of \$1.00.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Art. XXII. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$40,000.00 for use by the Assessors to reduce the tax rate.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Art. XXIII. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$42,000.00 to be used by the Assessors to revalue all real and personal property in the Town of Belchertown.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Art. XXIV. Voted to appropriate from the sale of Cemetery Lots Account the sum of \$3,364.50 to the Cemetery Commissioner's Expense Account.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Art. XXV. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$1,800.00 to purchase and equip a new snow plow for the Highway Department.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Art. XXVI. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$5,000.00 to purchase and equip a flat-bed trailer for the Highway Department.

(Vote - Majority Yes)

Art. XXVII. Voted to accept the following resolution in support of the concept of shifting of the heavy reliance on the property tax to more equitable tax on the state level:

WHEREAS, the Town of Belchertown is annually required to raise funds on the property tax for support of state enacted programs, and;

WHEREAS, the Town of Belchertown does not receive its full entitlement under most state aid categories, and;

WHEREAS, the burden to raise all these funds fall squarely on the taxpayers of the Town of

Belchertown, and:

WHEREAS, only a small amount of revenue from the state is received in the Town of Belchertown for municipal services not related to education, and;

WHEREAS, the property taxpayers of the Town of Belchertown can no longer afford to carry out the heaviest burden of taxation on the local taxes,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the voters of the Town of Belchertown do hereby call upon their legislators and the other members of the General Court along with the Governor to vote in favor of a program of municipal aid and additional educational aid during this 1975 legislative session and to redistribute the tax burden through use of the less regressive forms to taxes available at the state level, such as sales and/or income tax.

(Vote- Majority Yes)

t. XXVIII. On the Article-To see if the Town will vote to accept or reject the formulation of a mutual agreement whereby the Town of Belchertown and the undersigned (Michael A. Soja and Theodore Soja of George Hannum Street, Belchertown) will be able to remove gravel up to each other's boundary line. This action will prevent the eventual sloping of gravel which can be put to better use as landfill, or take any action relative thereto, it was voted to take no action on this article.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ted to dissolve this meeting at 10:07 p.m.

test: Carl J. Peterson, Jr.
Town Clerk



CERTIFICATION OF APPROPRIATIONS

TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN

TOWN MEETING HELD APRIL 7, 1975

Article #	Budget or Dept.	Total Appropriation	From Tax Levy	From Free Cash	From Other Available Funds	Revenue Sharing	Free Cash To Reduce Tax Rate	Borrowing
1.	None	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2.	None	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3.	Clapp Memorial Library	1,699.99	-	-	1,699.99	-	-	-
4.	None	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5.	Public Ways, Sundry, Imprvmnts. (7)	15,000.00	-	15,000.00	-	-	-	-
6.	Chap. 765, Highways Construction	81,308.00	-	-	15,000.00	-	-	66,308.00
7.	Chap. 90, Highway Maint.	42,425.00	-	-	33,425.00	-	-	9,000.00
8.	Police Cruiser	3,800.00	-	3,800.00	-	-	-	-
9.	Dump Truck-Highway Dept.	9,000.00	-	9,000.00	-	-	-	-
10.	Bulldozer-Highway Dept.	28,200.00	-	28,200.00	-	-	-	-
11.	None	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
12.	Conservation Fund	400.00	-	400.00	-	-	-	-
13.	Assessors-Legal Counsel	2,000.00	-	2,000.00	-	-	-	-
14.	Clapp Mem. Library-Expense Acct.	2,226.00	-	-	2,226.00	-	-	-
15.	Photo Musicale Expenses	118.00	-	-	118.00	-	-	-
16.	Itemized Budgets							
(a)	General Government (Total)	133,526.00						
1.	Moderator, Expense	-	25.00	-	-	-	-	-
2.	Finance Committee, Expense	-	200.00	-	-	-	-	-
3.	Selectmen, salaries (Chrmn. 1200.00, 40 1000.00)	-	5,200.00	-	-	-	-	-
	-Expenses	-	4,450.00	-	-	-	-	-
4.	Acct. & Admin. Secretary-Salary	-	8,500.00	-	-	-	-	-
	Asst. Accountant- Salary	-	6,500.00	-	-	-	-	-
	- Wages	-	200.00	-	-	-	-	-
	- Expenses	-	1,100.00	-	-	-	-	-
	- Out of St. Travel	-	250.00	-	-	-	-	-
5.	Treasurer - Salary	-	3,947.00	-	-	-	-	-
	Asst. Treasurer - Salary	-	3,306.00	-	-	-	-	-
	Other - Salary	-	2,791.00	-	-	-	-	-
	- Wages	-	868.00	-	-	-	-	-
	- Expenses	-	1,990.00	-	-	-	-	-

Article #	Budget or Dept.	Total Appropriation	From Tax Levy	From Free Cash	From Other Available Funds	Revenue Sharing	Free Cash to Reduce Tax Rate	Borrowing
(a)	General Government (cont.)							
6.	Clerk - Salary	-	1,968.00	-	-	-	-	-
	Asst. Clerk - Salary	-	1,652.00	-	-	-	-	-
	Other - Salary	-	1,395.00	-	-	-	-	-
	- Wages	-	424.00	-	-	-	-	-
	- Expense	-	1,403.00	-	-	-	-	-
7.	Collector - Salary	-	4,194.00	-	-	-	-	-
	Asst. Collector - Salary	-	3,306.00	-	-	-	-	-
	Other - Salary	-	2,791.00	-	-	-	-	-
	- Wages	-	3,220.00	-	-	-	-	-
	- Expenses	-	1,461.00	-	-	-	-	-
8.	Assessors* - Salaries	-	2,600.00	-	-	-	-	-
	*(Chrm. 1000.00, 2 @ 800.)	-		-	-	-	-	-
	Principal Clerk - Salary	-	7,800.00	-	-	-	-	-
	Junior Clerk - Salary	-	6,825.00	-	-	-	-	-
	Asst. Assessor - Salary	-	0	-	-	-	-	-
	- Wages	-	4,595.00	-	-	-	-	-
	- Expenses	-	5,280.00	-	-	-	-	-
	- Equipment	-	200.00	-	-	-	-	-
9.	Law Account - Expenses	-	4,600.00	-	-	-	-	-
10.	Election & Registration - Salary	-	100.00	-	-	-	-	-
	- Wages	-	5,900.00	-	-	-	-	-
	- Expenses	-	1,000.00	-	-	-	-	-
11.	Planning Bd. & Zoning Inf. - Salary	-	8,000.00	-	-	-	-	-
	- Wages	-	2,000.00	-	-	-	-	-
	- Expenses	-	5,130.00	-	-	-	-	-
	- Equipmt.	-	600.00	-	-	-	-	-
	-Out of St. Travel	-	55.00	-	-	-	-	-
12.	Municipal Bldgs. & Property	-		-	-	-	-	-
	A. Lawrence Memorial Hall	-	3,900.00	-	-	-	-	-
	B. Town Garage	-	7,700.00	-	-	-	-	-
	C. Old Town Hall	-	2,500.00	-	-	-	-	-
	D. Town Common	-	3,200.00	-	-	-	-	-
	E. Town Clock	-	400.00	-	-	-	-	-
(b)	Protection of Persons & Property							
	TOTAL	116,561.00						
13a.	Council on Aging	-	2,025.00	-	-	-	-	-
13b.	Building Inspector	-	150.00	-	-	-	-	-
	- Salary	-	4,500.00	-	-	-	-	-
	- Wages	-	1,000.00	-	-	-	-	-
	- Expenses	-		-	-	-	-	-
14.	Police Department - Salary (Chief)	-	13,708.00	-	-	-	-	-
	- 2 Patrolmen	-	17,600.00	-	-	-	-	-
	- Wages	-	31,748.00	-	-	-	-	-
	- Expenses	-	18,000.00	-	-	-	-	-

Article # BUDGET OR DEPT.	Total Appropriation	From Tax Levy	From Free Cash	From other Available Funds	Revenue Sharing	Free Cash To Reduce Tax Rate	Borrowing
b(Protection of Persons & Property (cont))							
15.Fire Department	-	800.00	-	-	-	-	-
salary(chief)	-	800.00	-	-	-	-	-
wages	-	3,250.00	-	-	-	-	-
expense	-	6,000.00	-	-	-	-	-
16.Hydrant Service	-	5,675.00	-	-	-	-	-
17.Water Storage Holes	-	300.00	-	-	-	-	-
18.Sealer of Wgts. & Measurers	-	455.00	-	-	-	-	-
19.Wiring Inspector	-	1,400.00	-	-	-	-	-
20.Conservation Commission	-	275.00	-	-	-	-	-
21.Civil Defense	-	350.00	-	-	-	-	-
salary	-	125.00	-	-	-	-	-
expenses	-	250.00	-	-	-	-	-
equipment	-	2,000.00	-	-	-	-	-
wages	-	1,500.00	-	-	-	-	-
expenses	-	100.00	-	-	-	-	-
22.Tree Warden	-	1,350.00	-	-	-	-	-
23.Insect Pest Control	-	2,000.00	-	-	-	-	-
24.Dutch Elm Disease	-	1,100.00	-	-	-	-	-
25.Zoning Bd. of Appeals	-	1,000.00	-	-	-	-	-
wages	-	800.00	-	-	-	-	-
expenses	-	1,000.00	-	-	-	-	-
26.Dog Officer	-	1,000.00	-	-	-	-	-
(c)Health and Sanitation	(total) 66,858.00						
27.Board of Health	-	700.00	-	-	-	-	-
salaries	-	700.00	-	-	-	-	-
wages	-	2,900.00	-	-	-	-	-
expenses	-	7,908.00	-	-	-	-	-
salaries	-	950.00	-	-	-	-	-
28.Sewer Maintenance	-	40,000.00	-	-	-	-	-
(CHmn 350., 2@300.)	-	14,400.00	-	-	-	-	-
29.Dump	-						
(d)Highways & Sidewalks	(total) 153,831.58						
30.Highways General	-	50,800.00	-	-	-	-	-
31.Superintendent-Salary	-	11,822.00	-	-	-	-	-
32.Road Machinery Expense	-	16,000.00	-	-	-	-	-
33.Sick Leave	-	5,500.00	-	-	-	-	-
34.Vacation Pay	-	3,000.00	-	-	-	-	-
35.Bridges & Culverts	-	8,000.00	-	-	-	-	-
36.Snow Removal	-	42,000.00	-	-	-	-	-
37.Sidewalk Maintenance	-	4,000.00	-	-	-	-	-
38.Street Lighting	-	12,709.58	-	-	-	-	-

Article # BUDGET OR DEPT.	Total	From	From	From	From Other	Revenue	Free Cash To
(e){Veteran's Department}	Appropriation	Tax Levy	Free Cash	Available Funds	Sharing	Reduce Tax Rate	Borrowing
39.Veterans Dept.	(Total) 27,850.00						
salary	-	2,000.00	-	-	-	-	-
wages	-	800.00	-	-	-	-	-
benefits	-	25,000.00	-	-	-	-	-
(total)	1,564,734.00						
(f)School Department							
40.Schools:							
#1000 Administration	-	41,162.00	-	-	-	-	-
Out of state travel	-	200.00	-	-	-	-	-
#2000 Instruction	-	1,068,125.97	-	6,044.00(P.L.874) 2,457.03(P.L.864)	-	-	-
Out of state travel	-	1,720.00	-	-	-	-	-
#3000 Other School Services	-	156,151.00	-	-	-	-	-
#4000 Operation & Maintenance	-	241,508.00	-	-	-	-	-
#7000 Fixed Assets	-	6,526.00	-	-	-	-	-
#9000 Program w/other schools	-	40,840.00	-	-	-	-	-
(Total)	9,224.00						
(g)Clapp Memorial Library							
41.Clapp Memorial Library	-	6,200.00	-	-	-	-	-
wages	-	3,024.00	-	-	-	-	-
expenses	-		-	-	-	-	-
(Total)	21,046.00						
(h)Parks & Recreation							
42.Parks, Rec. & Beach	-	7,644.00	-	-	-	-	-
Swim Instructor-salary	-	1,500.00	-	-	-	-	-
wages	-	5,065.00	-	-	-	-	-
expenses	-	3,522.00	-	-	-	-	-
equipment	-	3,315.00	-	-	-	-	-
(Total)	7,536.00						
(i)Cemeteries							
43.Cemeteries (3@200.)	-	600.00	-	-	-	-	-
salaries	-	1,500.00	-	-	-	-	-
wages	-	4,736.00	-	-	-	-	-
expenses	-	400.00	-	-	-	-	-
equipment	-	300.00	-	-	-	-	-
Veterans graves	-		-	-	-	-	-
(Total)	83,921.32						
(j)Insurance & Pensions							
44.Pensions,Town Employees	-	29,205.04	-	-	-	-	-
45.Insurance, General	-	33,738.00	-	-	-	-	-
Health(Town share)	-	19,856.52	-	-	-	-	-
Life(Town share)	-	1,121.76	-	-	-	-	-
(Total)	20,700.00						
(k)Unclassified							
46.Unclassified Items:							
A.Patriotic Exercises	-	300.00	-	-	-	-	-
B.Printing Town Reports	-	3,300.00	-	-	-	-	-
C.Rental American Legion	-	0	-	-	-	-	-
D.Unclassified	-	2,100.00	-	-	-	-	-
E.Reserve Fund	-	15,000.00	-	-	-	-	-

Article #	Budget or Dept.	Total Appropriation (Tot'l)	From Levy	From Free Cash	From Other Available Funds	Revenue Sharing	Free Cash To Reduce Tax Rate	Borrowing
(1)	Maturing Debt & Interest	66,857.50						
47.	Maturing Debt & Interest							
	1949 Sewer Loans, Principal	-	0	-	-	-	-	-
	1963 School Loan, Principal	-	45,000.00	-	-	-	-	-
	1949 Sewer Loans, Interest	-	0	-	-	-	-	-
	1963 School Loan, Interest	-	11,857.50	-	-	-	-	-
	Temporary Short-term Notes, Interest	-	10,000.00	-	-	-	-	-
(m)	Bicentennial Commission	(Total) 2,245.00	2,245.00	-	-	-	-	-
(n)	Development & Industrial Commission	(Total) 100.00	100.00	-	-	-	-	-
(o)	Historical Commission	(Total) 200.00	200.00	-	-	-	-	-
(p)	Engineering Services	(Total) 2,000.00	2,000.00	-	-	-	-	-
17.	Pathfinder Reg. Voc. Tech. H.S. Dist. (capital budget, oper. & maint. bud., & evening school budget)	140,156.73	140,156.73	-	-	-	-	-
18.	None	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
19.	None	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20.	None	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
21.	None	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
22.	Reduce Tax Rate, Assessors	40,000.00	-	42,000.00	-	-	40,000.00	-
23.	Revalue of property, Assessors	42,000.00	-	-	-	-	-	-
24.	Cemetery Comm. Expense Account	3,364.50	-	-	3,364.50	-	-	-
25.	Snow Plow-Highway Dept.	1,800.00	-	1,800.00	-	-	-	-
26.	Flat Bed Trailer-Highway Dept.	5,000.00	-	5,000.00	-	-	-	-
27.	None	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
28.	None	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		2,695,688.62*	2,410,696.10	107,200.00	64,334.52	-	40,000.00	75,308.00

* Total appropriation is out of balance by \$1850.00. The reason for this is the following errors discovered -

- 1) Protection of Persons & Property - the original motion for \$118,461.00 was amended to \$116,561.00. This amendment was the result of the change made in connection with the wages under Insect Pest Control which were originally listed as \$2000.00 in the Finance Committee report and should have been \$100.00; however, the total for said Protection was based upon wages of \$100.00, not \$2000.00.
- 2) In the Veterans Department, the sum of \$27,850.00 was approved. This is \$50.00 more than the sum of the three segregated items.

Attest:

Carl Peterson, Jr.
Carl Peterson, Jr.

TOWN ELECTION-APRIL 14, 1975

OFFICE	NAME	PREC.A	PREC.B	TOTALS			
Moderator, 1 year	*Joseph R. White	819	98	917	Sewer Commissioner, 3 years		
	Blanks	<u>160</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>188</u>			
		979	126	1105			
Town Clerk, 1 year	*Carl J. Peterson, Jr.	876	111	987	*Ronald E. Blaine	806	96
	Blanks	<u>103</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>118</u>	Kenneth N. Hale	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>
		979	126	1105	Blanks	<u>172</u>	<u>30</u>
Selectman, 3 years						979	126
	*G. Parker Ketchen	389	40	429	Board of Health, 3 years		
	Richard K. Cook	375	52	427			
School Committee, 3 years	Pamela J. Olinsky	204	32	236	*James A. Bonafini, Sr.	426	87
	Blanks	<u>11</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>13</u>	Alice Hussey Peden	291	16
		979	126	1105	Bruce E. Soule	216	10
Planning Board, 5 years					John P. Bay	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>
	Bruno B. Land	336	32	368	Blanks	<u>45</u>	<u>13</u>
	*Kenneth H. Snow	573	85	658		979	126
Cemetery Commissioner, 3 years	Blanks	<u>70</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>79</u>	Pathfinder Reg. Vocational Technical H.S. District, 3 years		
		979	126	1105			
					*David A. Staples	803	99
Assessor, 3 years	*Samuel Jay Joyal	841	105	946	Blanks	<u>176</u>	<u>27</u>
	Blanks	<u>138</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>159</u>		979	126
		979	126	1105	Question #1 (Beano)		
Housing Authority, 5 years	*Edmund F. Wallace	796	94	890			
	Blanks	<u>183</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>215</u>			
		979	126	1105	Yes	747	86
Tee Warden, 1 year	*Albert W. Brown	861	114	975	No	107	14
	Blanks	<u>118</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>130</u>	Blanks	<u>125</u>	<u>26</u>
		979	126	1105		979	126
					Votes cast on April 14, 1975		
					- - - - -		
					Registered voters at Belchertown		
					Republican	481	48
					Democrat	603	124
					Independent	<u>1281</u>	<u>163</u>
						2365	335
							2700
					* Denotes Elected		
					A True Copy, Attest:		
					Carl J. Peterson, Jr.		
					Town Clerk		

Action Taken At the Special Town Meeting held June 30, 1975

Moderator - Joseph R. White
Registered voters present - 93
(Quorum required - 25)

The Meeting was called to order at 8:30 p.m. Because the time lapse between the end of the Fiscal 1975 meeting at 7:55 p.m. and the start of the Fiscal 1976 Meeting at 8:30 p.m. was so long that many voters wished to recess from the Hall, the Clerk ordered the Hall to be cleared to permit orderly checking by the Board of Registrars of voters attending the second meeting.

David Hodgen introduced the two new members of the Finance Committee, Neil S. McCann and George B. Jackson.

The Clerk read the Return of the Warrant.

Art. I. Voted to accept the provisions of Chapter 32B, Section 7A, paragraph "d" of the General Laws, in reference to paying a subsidiary or additional rate for contributory group life and health insurance for employees in the service of the Town and their dependents, in addition to the payment of fifty per cent.

(Vote - Majority Yes)

(In the consideration of Article I, Neil Mc Cann, member of the Finance Committee, moved to take no action. The Moderator in doubt following a voice vote called for a show of hands vote and appointed Henry Renouf and Michael Forgue as tellers. The motion to table was defeated (Yes-20, No-54). Following defeat of this Motion, Article I stated in the form of a motion was voted on.)

Art. II. Voted to appropriate from Free Cash in the treasury the sum of \$10,000.00 to pay an additional rate of twenty-five per cent for contributory group life and health insurance for employees in the service of the Town and their dependents in accordance with the affirmative action taken under Article I of this Special Town Meeting.

(Vote - Yes-51, No-27)

(The Moderator, in doubt following a voice vote, asked for a show of hands vote and appointed Henry Renouf and Michael Forgue as tellers.)

Art. III. Voted to appropriate from PhotoMusical receipts a sum of \$704.29 to be used by the School Committee for expenses of said PhotoMusical.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Art. IV. Voted to appropriate from Public Law #92-512 (Federal Revenue Sharing) Entitlement Period 4 the sum of \$1,100.00 for a Termite Control Program for Lawrence Memorial Hall.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Art. V. Voted to appropriate from Free Cash in the treasury the sum of \$500.00 to a Historian-Archivist Expense Account for the purpose of preserving Town records.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Art. VI. Voted to appropriate from Public Law #92-512 (Federal Revenue Sharing) Entitlement Period 5 the sum of \$700.00 for the purchase of a new electric typewriter for the Selectmen's office.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Art. VII. On motion to appropriate from Free Cash in the treasury the sum of \$28,500.00 to be used by the Assessors to reduce the tax rate, it was voted to take no action on this article.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Art. VIII. Voted to amend Article XVI of the Annual Town Meeting of April 7 and 14, 1975 as it applies to the Protection of Persons & Property by appropriating the sum of \$118,461.00 and to meet said appropriation the sum of \$1,900.00 is to be appropriated from Free Cash in the treasury and the balance thereof of \$116,561.00 is to be raised by taxation.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Art. IX. Voted to amend Article XVI of the Annual Town Meeting of April 7 and 14, 1975 as it applies to the Veterans Department by decreasing said appropriation the sum of \$50.00 providing for a new total appropriation of \$27,800.00 to be raised by taxation.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Art. X. On the Motion "the Town amend Article XVI of the Annual Town Meeting of April 7 and 14, 1975 as it applies to the School Department by decreasing said appropriation the sum of \$6,062.40 providing for a new total appropriation of \$1,558,671.60 and to meet said appropriation \$6,044.00 is to be appropriated from the unexpended funds in the Public Law #874 Account, \$24,894.63 is to be appropriated from the unexpended funds in the Public Law #864 Account, and the balance thereof to wit: \$1,527,732.97 is to

raised by taxation", it was voted to take no action on this article.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

(Following discussion, the request was made to withdraw the motion and the Meeting, by vote, gave unanimous consent.)

XI. Voted to appropriate from Free Cash in the treasury the sum of \$1,559.00 to the Collector's Expense Account.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

XII. Voted to appropriate from Public Law #92-512 (Federal Revenue Sharing) Entitlement Period 2 the sum of \$100.00 to be used by the Council on Aging for the purchase of card tables.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ed to dissolve this meeting at 9:22 p.m.

est: Carl J. Peterson, Jr.
Town Clerk



Action Taken At the Special Town Meeting held August 11, 1975

erator - Joseph R. White
Registered voters present - 206
(Quorum required - 25)

ing called to order at 7:30 p.m.
Clerk read the Return of the Warrant.

I. Voted to appropriate from Public Law #92-512 (Federal Revenue Sharing) Entitlements Period 1, 2, 3, and 4 the sum of \$3,500.00, \$447.65 from Entitlement Period 1, \$2,019.11 from Entitlement Period 2, \$484.06 from Entitlement Period 3, and \$549.18 from Entitlement Period 4 to renovate the Old Town Hall.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

II. Voted to appropriate from Photo Musicale Receipts the sum of \$29.31 to be used by the School Committee for expenses of said Photo Musicale.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

III. Voted to appropriate from Free Cash in the Treasury the sum of \$900.00 for rent for facilities for the Council on Aging.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

IV. Voted to appropriate from Free Cash in the Treasury the sum of \$611.13 for bills incurred in fiscal 1975.

Jonathan Sears	\$ 75.00
Bell & Hudson Insurance Agency, Inc.	54.04
Wallace Hardware Company	74.21
Witt-Armstrong Equipment Co.	101.88
New England Telephone	18.00
Commonwealth of Massachusetts	288.00

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Art. V. Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to prepare and submit an application for a Community Development Block Grant to the Department of Housing and Urban Development, pursuant to the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Art. VI. Voted to appropriate from Free Cash in the Treasury the sum of \$623.00 for Grant 1 #74C-166.213-\$346.00 and for Grant 2 #75C-089.2132-\$277.00, for the Town's participating share in the Western Massachusetts Law Enforcement Council Region-wide Radio System.

(Vote - Majority Yes)

Art. VII. On the Article to see if the Town will vote to accept the following resolution:

WHEREAS: NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS DISCHARGE RADIOACTIVITY INTO THE ATMOSPHERE AND,

WHEREAS: THE RADIOACTIVE WASTES CANNOT BE PROPERLY DISPOSED OF AND,
WHEREAS: THIS PEACEFUL USE OF NUCLEAR POWER IS UNSAFE FOR HUMANITY AND,
WHEREAS: WE ARE AWARE OF THE DESTRUCTION OF HIROSHIMA AND NAGASAKI BY ATOMIC POWER AND,
WHEREAS: OUR NUCLEAR WEAPONS ARE MORE NUMEROUS AND MORE POWERFUL TODAY AND,
WHEREAS: GERALD FORD TALKS OF USING NUCLEAR WEAPONS AS A "FIRST STRIKE".

BE IT RESOLVED:

THE PEOPLE OF BELCHERTOWN ARE UNALTERABLY OPPOSED TO THE FURTHER CREATION OF NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS AND NUCLEAR WEAPONS, AND PETITION THE GOVERNMENT OF THESE UNITED STATES TO USE PEACEFUL MEANS TO RESOLVE CONFLICTS AND TO RESEARCH AND DEVELOP ALTERNATIVE NATURAL ENERGY SOURCES, or take any action relative thereto,

a motion was made and carried by a majority to take no action.

(During the debate on the motion to take no action, a subsidiary motion to move the previous question was made, seconded, and passed by a vote of 135-yes, 37-no.)

Art. VIII. Voted to appropriate the sum of \$7,500.00 for Chapter 765, Acts of 1972, highway construction, and to meet said appropriation that said sum be borrowed by the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, under General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 6A pending reimbursement from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts under the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 497, Acts of 1971.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Art. IX. Voted to appropriate from Public Law #92-512 (Federal Revenue Sharing) Entitlement Period 5 the sum of \$693.00 to purchase a new electric typewriter for the Clerk, Collector, Treasurer's office.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

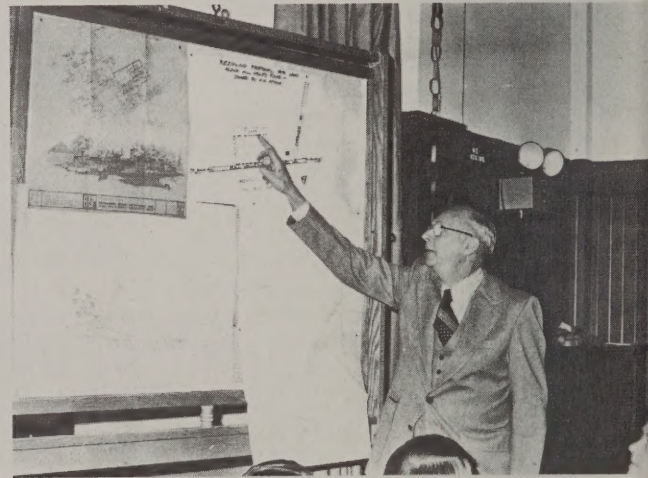
Art. X. On the Motion to appropriate from Free Cash in the Treasury the sum of \$2,072.08 to be used by the Belchertown Bicentennial Commission to beautify the Belchertown Common,

the vote was 31-affirmative, 133-negative. The motion did not carry.

(During the debate on the Motion, a subsidiary motion to move the previous question was passed by overwhelming voice vote, with only one vote in the negative.)

Voted to dissolve this meeting at 8:42 p.m.

Attest: Carl J. Peterson, Jr.
Town Clerk



Action Taken At the Special Town Meeting held December 15, 1975

Moderator - Joseph R. White
Registered voters present - 276
(Quorum required - 25)

Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m. Recessed
Moderator for five minutes to allow waiting
of voters to be checked in by Registrars.
Convened at 7:35 p.m.
Voters appointed by the Moderator to assist in
counting the counted votes were: Richard K. Cook,
James P. Boyko, and William D. Kirk, III.

Clerk read the Return of the Warrant.

I. Voted to appropriate from free cash in
the treasury the sum of \$5,700.00 to the
Insurance Account.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

II. Voted to appropriate from Public Law
#92-512 (Federal Revenue Sharing) Entitle-
ment Period 5, the sum of \$1,500.00 to
paint the Old Town Hall.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

III. Voted to authorize the Board of
Selectmen to prepare and submit an appli-
cation to the Department of Housing and
Urban Development during calendar year
1976, pursuant to the Housing and Commu-
nity Development Act of 1974, as amended.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

IV. Voted to appropriate from free cash in
the treasury the sum of \$3,500.00 to pur-
chase and equip a Pavement Striper pending
reimbursement through the Governor's High-
way Safety Program.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

V. Voted to amend the Zoning By-Law as
previously amended in the manner des-
cribed in the article:

1.) Under "Section III", entitled "Estab-
lishment of Districts", Subsection "A",
change to read "1. General Residential"
and add "1.a. Multi-family Residential".
Hereinafter specific reference to the
"Residential District" zone shall be cor-
rected to read "General Residential Dis-
trict".

2.) Under "Section IV", entitled "Use Regu-
lations", Subsection "A", correct to
read "General Residential District".

3.) Under "Section IV-A" Subsection (2)f,
delete the entire paragraph.

4.) Following "Section IV-A" add a new
section

"AA. Multi-family Residential Districts

1. Permitted Uses

- a. Public and quasi-public uses inclu-
ding parks, recreational facilities,
non-profit educational institutions,
religious institutions, municipal
and governmental facilities, and
utility systems.
- b. Accessory uses customarily and
clearly incidental to the princi-
pal uses, but excluding any com-
mercial or business uses.

2. Uses which may be permitted by the
Board of Appeals in accordance with
the regulations appearing in Section
VII-B2 of this By-Law.

- a. Multi-family dwellings for three or
more families, including apartments,
town houses, row houses, condominium
and cooperatives, in accordance with
the following regulations and cri-
teria:

(1) No building permit shall be issued
for any multiple family dwelling
or accessory building except in
strict conformance with the site
plan endorsed with the approval of
the Board of Appeals. A certifi-
cate of occupancy shall not be
issued for a multi-family dwelling
until all of the requirements of
this section have been met.

(2) An application for a special per-
mit for the construction of multi-
family dwellings shall be accom-
panied by a site plan showing
among other things, the following:
detailed topographic characteris-
tics of every parcel of land; all
public improvements including
drainage, sewerage and water facil-
ities, streets, parking areas, and
landscaping; the location of all
proposed structures including
floor plans and elevations.

The application and four (4) copies of the site plan shall be filed with the Town Clerk who shall forthwith transmit copies to the Board of Appeals, the Planning Board and the Board of Health.

The Planning Board and the Board of Health may investigate the case and report in writing their recommendations to the Board of Appeals. The Board of Appeals shall not take final action on said application and plan until it has received a report thereon from the Planning Board and the Board of Health, or until 45 days shall have elapsed without submission of a report thereon.

- (3) Provision shall be made for a minimum lot area, minimum frontage, minimum front, side and rear yard dimensions and maximum percentage of lot coverage in accordance with the dimensional requirements chart as shown in Section V "Intensity Regulations", as amended.
- (4) No multi-family structures shall exceed $2\frac{1}{2}$ stories, nor be more than 35 feet in height above the mean grade of the immediate surrounding land. No single building shall, regardless of elevation, have a total length of more than six (6) times the building height.
- (5) Off-street parking areas shall be provided on the same lot or lots at a rate of at least two (2) spaces per dwelling unit.
- (6) An area or areas deemed suitable by the Board of Appeals shall be provided for the outdoor use of the tenants, adequately landscaped, and located at a suitable and safe distance from parking areas, service roads and streets.
- (7) All roads, parking areas, drainage facilities and other public improvements shall be constructed in accordance with the "Rules and Regulations Governing the Subdivision of Land in Belchertown".

- (8) Signs identifying the property may be allowed by the Board of Appeals; each sign not to exceed 35 square feet in area, and one (1) sign not to exceed 3 square feet in area may be attached to each structure in such a manner that it shall not protrude from the surface of the building, for the purpose of identifying said structure. Any illumination of any sign shall be indirect provided that it shall not cause a hazard to the operation of any motor vehicle."

- 5.) Under "Section V", entitled "Intensity Regulations" add to the dimensional requirements chart the following data under the respective headings, together with the appropriate footnotes: under "District" add "1.a. Multi-family Residential"; under "Min. Lot Area in Sq. Ft." add "130,680" and footnote "(g)"; under "Dimension Minimum Frontage in Feet" add "250" and footnote "(h)"; under "Min. Yd. Dim. Dimension/Ft.": add the following numbers: under "Front" add "50"; under "Side" add "50"; under "Rear" add "50"; under "Max. Cover. Incl. All Buildings" add "20%". After footnote "f" explanation, add the following footnote explanations:

"g. A parcel or tract of land shall have a minimum of three (3) acres, and the maximum residential density shall not exceed six (6) units per acre.

h. Each tract shall have a minimum frontage on a public way of 250 feet."

with the following two additions:

In Amendment 4.) under the proposed Section AA, paragraph 2a. (2) the sentence or phrase which reads "the of all proposed structures including floor plans and elevations" be changed to read, "the location of all proposed structures including floor plans and elevations"

And further that the proposed Section AA 2.a. be changed by the addition of the following sub-paragraph

- (9) The provisions of Section AA shall not affect the status of Special Permits for the construction of multi-family dwellings issued prior to October 2, 1975. Upon petition, the Board of Appeals shall have the power, in accordance with the provisions of Section VII-B.2 of this By-Law and Chapter 40a of the M.G.L., to allow site plan changes or amendments and modifications to any Special Permit for the construction of multi-family dwellings issued prior to October 2, 1975."

(Vote-Art.V - Yes, 171; No, 2; Required for 2/3 - 116)

(After the vote was taken a motion was made and seconded for reconsideration based on a point of order that the vote taken was solely on the acceptance of the inclusion of the two additions and not on the entire Article with the additions as ruled by the Moderator. The vote for reconsideration was Yes-23; No-137.)

VI. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$299.40 for the following bills incurred in fiscal 1975:

Kenneth L. Collard, M.D.	\$8.00
Henry B. Schoenberger, M.D.	3.00
Mary Lane Hospital	20.00
Wallace Hardware	1.40
Leslie A. Campbell	267.00

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

VII. Voted to accept Chapter 40, Section 8G, of the Massachusetts General Laws allowing the Town of Belchertown to enter into an agreement with another city or town, or other cities and towns, to provide mutual aid programs for the Police Department to increase the capability to protect the lives, safety, and property of the people in the area designated in the agreement.

(Vote - Majority Yes)

VIII. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$5,460.00 to the Council on Aging Wage Account for the purpose of paying two (2) part-time employees.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

IX. Voted to amend the Zoning By-Law, as previously amended, in the following prescribed manner:

Under "Section VI" entitled "General Regulations" add a paragraph "D",

"D. Temporary Shelters

Upon application to the Board of Selectmen, an owner of real estate located within the Town of Belchertown may seek permission to be allowed to reside with his family in a temporary shelter which shall include but not be limited to a mobile home, on said real estate which proposed habitation is necessitated by a disaster rendering their residence on said property unfit for human habitation. That if the Board of Selectmen grant such permission it shall not exceed six (6) months from the date of the permit. Application may be made to the Board of Selectmen for an extension of said six (6) month permit by an individual originally granted a permit for a period not to exceed six (6) months. In considering the granting of any such extension(s) the Board of Selectmen shall determine if the restoration and/or reconstruction of said residence on said premises has proceeded in a diligent manner. It is not the intent of this provision that individuals shall have the right to reside within a temporary shelter in conflict with other provisions of the By-Law, but only under the circumstances outlined in this paragraph."

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Art. X. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$1,900.00 to the Old Town Hall Account for expenses.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Art. XI. Voted to amend the Official Zoning Map by deleting from the Agricultural District the following described land and including the same within the Business District:

Beginning at a point on the easterly sideline of Mill Valley Road, Route 181, said point bearing N. 39° 08' 28" W. and a distance of 360.00 feet from the north-easterly corner of the intersection of Mill Valley Road and Cordner Road; thence, running N. 39° 08' 28" W. along said Mill Valley Road a distance of 560.00 feet to a point; thence, turning and running

N. 50° 51' 32" E. a distance of 300.00 feet to a point; thence, turning and running S. 39° 08' 28 " E. a distance of 560.00 feet to a point; thence, turning and running S. 50° 51' 32" W. a distance of 300.00 feet to the point of beginning.

(Vote-Art. XI - Yes-232; No-11; Required for 2/3 - 162)

Art. XII. On the Motion that the Town diminish the membership of the Board of Selectmen from five (5) to three (3) members as prescribed by law.

To wit: That the Town diminish the membership of the Board of Selectmen from five (5) to three (3) members, and to effect said diminution within three (3) years, the members thereof shall be elected as follows: At the Annual Town Election in 1976 one (1) member for a term of three (3) years and one (1) for a term of two (2) years; at the Annual Town Election in 1977 one (1) member for a term of three (3) years and one (1) for a term of one (1) year; and at the Annual Town Election in 1978 one (1) member for a term of three (3) years; thereafter the said Board of Selectmen shall consist of three (3) members each of whose term shall be of three (3) years duration, and one (1) member shall be elected to said Board at each Annual Town Election after 1978,

the vote was 72 yes, 160 no. The motion did not carry.

(Vote - Majority No)

Voted to dissolve this meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Attest: Carl J. Peterson, Jr.
Town Clerk



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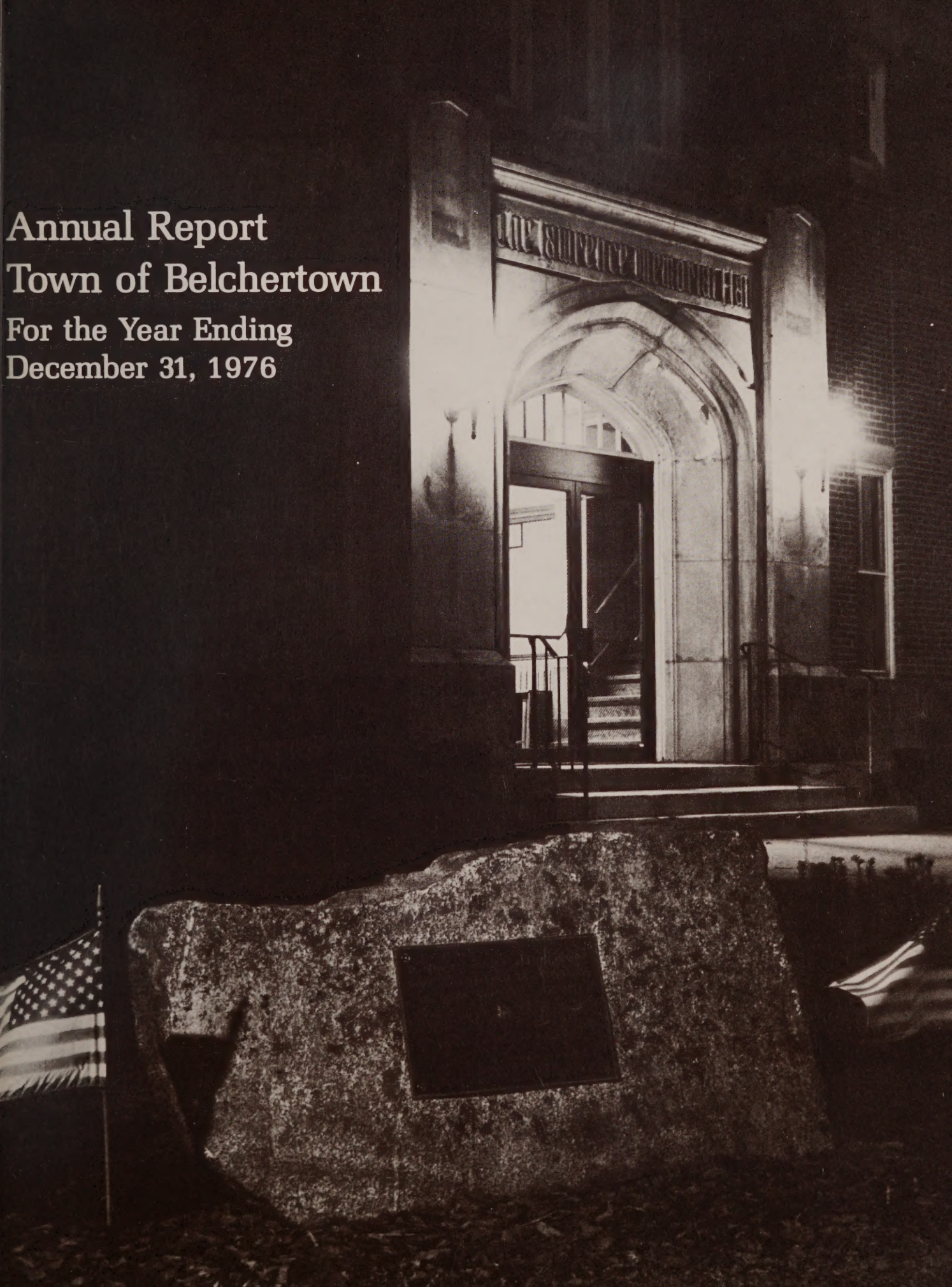
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Town of Belchertown
For the Year Ending
December 31, 1976



GENERAL INFORMATION

Annual Town Meeting

Elections
Appropriations

2nd Monday in April
1st Monday in April

Tax Rate:

General	\$ 9.42
School	<u>15.08</u>
	\$24.50

School Population:

Elementary	740
Junior High	236
Senior High	<u>358</u>
	1334

Assessed Valuation

1975

Real Estate	\$26,475,690.00
Personal Property	<u>1,970,175.00</u>
	\$28,445,865.00

1976

Real Estate	\$60,943,010.00
Personal Property	<u>2,471,850.00</u>
	\$63,414,860.00

U.S. Senators

Edward M. Kennedy
Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C.

Edward W. Brooke
Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C.

U.S. Representative

Silvio O. Conte
House Office Building
Washington, D.C.

State Senator

Robert W. Wetmore
Hubbardston Road
Barre, Massachusetts

State Representative

James R. Nolen
Ware, Massachusetts

County Commissioners

Office-Court House, Northampton, Massachusetts

David B. Musante
29 Forest Glen Drive
Florence, Massachusetts

Paul R. Dineen
96 Pittroff Avenue
South Hadley, Massachusetts

Robert J. Garvey
51 Blue Hills Road
Amherst, Massachusetts

County Officers

Judge of Probate & Insolvency
Hon. Harry Jekanowski

Register of Deeds
Robert F. Czelusniak

Register of Probate & Insolvency
Frank E. Tuit, II

Clerk of Courts
Salvatore A. Polito

District Attorney Northwestern District

John M. Callahan
64 Woodbridge Terrace
South Hadley, Massachusetts

Sheriff
John F. Boyle

County Treasurer
William F. O'Connor

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Town Officers

Elected Officers

Name	Office	Term Expires
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Moderator

Joseph R. White		1977
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Town Clerk

Carl J. Peterson, Jr.		1977
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Board of Selectmen

Peter M. Dearness		1977
William Gerry Whitlock		1977
Bernard F. Wilkes, Jr.		1978
Shirley A. Dorey		1979
Kenneth H. Snow		1979

Treasurer

Carl J. Peterson, Jr.		1979
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Tax & Town Collector

Carl J. Peterson, Jr.		1977
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School Committee

Martha J. Barrett		1977
Dorothy A. Rhodes		1978
George A. Smith, Jr.		1978
Sharon L. Chapman		1979
William M. Russell		1979

Planning Board

Donald S. Cole		1977
John H. Sullivan, III		1978
Stanford J. Harrington		1979
Kenneth H. Snow (resigned 4/20/76)		1980
W. Daniel Fitzpatrick (elected 4/26/76)		1977
William M. Cary, Jr. (resigned 9/76)		1981
Bruno S. Land (elected 10/76)		1977

Cemetery Commissioners

Daniel W. MacPhee		1977
Sidney T. Wheble		1978
Paul C. Cook		1979

Board of Assessors

Edward O. Lofland		1977
Samuel J. Joyal		1978
Walter L. Papp		1979

Housing Authority

Kenneth W. Thayer		1977
Louis J. Austin		1978

Sophia M. Pero	1979
Edmund F. Wallace	1980
Arlan V. Skinner	1981

Tree Warden

Albert W. Brown	1977
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Sewer Commissioners

Alfred P. Atwood	1977
Ronald E. Blaine	1978
Harry L. Brougham	1979

Board of Health

Linda H. Snow	1977
James A. Bonafini, Sr.	1978
Marcel F. Archambault (resigned 7/76)	1979
Francis A. Dudek (elected 8/76)	1977

Trustees, Calvin Bridgman Fund

Rachel G. Shumway	1977
George A. Poole	1978
Kenneth H. Snow	1979

Almoners-Whiting Street & Susan M.D. Bridgman Funds

Virginia M. Hislop	1977
Janet L. Wood	1977

Pathfinder Regional Vocational-Technical High School District Committee Member

David A. Staples	1978
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Appointed Officers

Town Accountant

Deborah A. Downing	6/30/77
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Assistant Town Accountant

Eleanor W. Moriarty	6/30/77
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Assistant Town Clerk

Carol E. Hubbard	6/30/77
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Assistant Town Treasurer

Margaret S. Kirby	4/77
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Deputy Collector

Carol E. Hubbard (office)	12/76
Margaret S. Kirby (office)	12/76
Norman C. Jeffery	12/76

Finance Committee

Donald C. McKenney	6/30/77
Bernard F. Wilkes, Jr. (resigned 4/12/76)	6/30/77
Wilfred N. Ridenour (appt. 5/76)	6/33/77

George B. Jackson	6/30/78	Veterans Services Agent	
Neil S. McCann	6/30/78	Earl F. Henrichon	6/30/77
David S. Fredenburgh	6/30/79		
		Sealer of Weights & Measures	
Town Counsel		Royal K. Gay	6/30/77
Stephen B. Monsein, Attorney	6/30/77		
		Zoning By-Law Enforcement Officer	
Chief of Police		Susan C. Michael (resigned 1/76)	
Ernest M. Gay	6/30/79	Arthur J. LaFleur (appt. 1/76)	6/30/77
Constable		Veterans Graves Officer	
Ernest M. Gay	6/30/77	Milton A. Butler	6/30/77
Elmer M. Potter (resigned 10/76)	6/30/77		
		Registrars of Voters	
Sergeant		Ethel H. Hawkins	6/30/77
Elmer M. Potter (resigned 10/76)	6/30/77	Lillian C. Austin	3/31/78
Merton L. Pratt	6/30/77	M. Rose Sorrell	6/30/79
Fire Chief & Forest Fire Warden		Board of Appeals	
Raymond R. Menard	6/30/77	Arthur Davenport	6/30/77
		Patrick D. Kamins	6/30/78
Planning Assistant-Planning Board		Donald R. Laporte	6/30/79
Susan C. Michael (resigned 1/76)		Peter J. Adzima (Assoc. Member)	6/30/77
Superintendent of Streets		Fence Viewer & Field Driver	
Albert L. LePage	6/30/77	No Appointment	
Building Inspector		Fence Viewer & Pound Keeper	
Jack Hulmes, Jr.	6/30/77	No Appointment	
Assistant Building Inspector		Fence Viewers	
Marcel F. Archambault	6/30/77	No Appointment	
Inspector of Wiring		Civil Defense Director	
Robert J. Henrichon	6/30/77	Robert H. Phoenix	6/30/77
Assistant Wiring Inspector		Radio Operators	
Edward S. Czech	6/30/77	Philip Depot	6/30/77
		Roy M. Nonnemaker	6/30/77
Special Constable		Civil Defense Department	
Norman C. Jeffery	6/30/77	John J. Moran, Jr.	6/30/77
Dog Officer		Recreation Director	
Wallace F. Chevalier	6/30/77	Richard R. Hebert	6/30/77
Assistant Dog Officer		Parks, Beach & Recreation	
Robert W. Chevalier	6/30/77	Shirley A. Dorey (resigned 4/76)	6/30/77
		Arlena G. Markert (appt. 5/76)	6/30/77
		Jay Evans	6/30/78
Gas Inspector		Michael P. Forgue	6/30/78
Ralph Linton	6/30/77	Patricia Burton	6/30/79
		June D. Smith	6/30/79
Assistant Assessor		War Memorial Committee	
Valmore G. Beaudry	12/31/76	Alice Samborski	6/30/77
		Carl J. Peterson, Jr.	6/30/77
Supt. of Insect Pest Control		Robert W. Chevalier	6/30/78
Albert W. Brown	6/30/77	Edward O. Lofland	6/30/79

Food Stamp Representative

Louise Wadsworth

Rationing Board

Wilfred N. Ridenour 6/30/77

Public Weighers

Claude Beaudoin 6/30/77
Stanford J. Harrington 6/30/77
Herbert Squires 6/30/77
Joseph W. Tolpa, Jr. 6/30/77
Joseph W. Tolpa, Sr. 6/30/77

Personnel Board

Howard Atkins 6/30/77
George D. Greule 6/30/78
JoAnn M. Gavin 6/30/79

Police Advisory Board

Arthur H. Brennen 6/30/76
Frank E. Farrington, Jr. 6/30/76
Charles F. Howard 6/30/76
Chief Ernest M. Gay (Advisory Member)
Bernard F. Wilkes, Jr. (Advisory Member)

Development & Industrial Committee

Peter M. Dearness 6/30/77
Patrick D. Kamins 6/30/77
Bruno S. Land 6/30/78
Michael J. Geser 6/30/79
Edward H. Parker 6/30/79

Conservation Committee

Eleanor Schmidt 6/30/77
Leslie A. Campbell 6/30/77
Andrew J. Sears 6/30/77
Louis B. LaFromboise 6/30/78
George Leclerc 6/30/78
Richard M. DeGraaf 6/30/79
Gary D. Kellogg 6/30/79

Lower Pioneer Valley Regional Planning Comm.

William M. Cary, Jr. 4/1977
Stanford J. Harrington (Alternate) 4/1977

Lower Pioneer Valley Joint Transportation Committee

Patricia B. Bond 6/30/77

Land Evaluation Study Committee

Dr. Robert L. Carl, Jr. 6/30/76
Kenneth Dorey 6/30/76
Shirley Dorey 6/30/76
Edmond Gingras 6/30/76
Douglas Magee 6/30/76
Henry Renouf 6/30/76
Dorothy Rhodes 6/30/76
Andrew J. Sears 6/30/76

Janise Fitzpatrick
Robert Knudsen

6/30/76
Adv. Member

Historical Commission

John Fitzgerald 6/30/77
Helen F. Lister 6/30/77
Edith Nyman (resigned 7/76) 6/30/78
Keith Bettencourt (appt. 7/76) 6/30/78
Shirley A. Bock 6/30/79
Gerald G. Tremaine 6/30/79

Bicentennial Commission

Nora Austin (resigned 5/76) 6/30/77
Joanne Dearness (resigned 5/76) 6/30/77
Geraldine Geser (resigned 5/76) 6/30/77
Lynda Hartshorn (resigned 5/76) 6/30/77
Martin Keoughan (resigned 5/76) 6/30/77
Margaret Nagy (resigned 5/76) 6/30/77
Shaun Bresnahan, Advisor, (resigned 5/76)

(New) Bicentennial Commission (Appointed 8/76)

Joan P. Fuller 6/30/77
Suzanne Reece 6/30/77
Ernest M. Gay, Jr. 6/30/77
David G. Hodgen 6/30/77
Leopold M. Ablicki, Jr. 6/30/77

Council on Aging

Marion Harrington 6/30/77
Alice Hussey Peden 6/30/77
Helen Renouf 6/30/77
Mary Avery 6/30/78
Arlena MacPherson 6/30/78
Eleanor B. Nickerson 6/30/78
Irene B. Orlando 6/30/78
Martin Keoughan 6/30/79
Roy King, Sr. 6/30/79
Bradford F. Purdy 6/30/79
Paul Wall 6/30/79

School Site Study Committee

Charlotte Duda Final Report
Judith A. Dudek Final Report
Edward H. Gates Final Report
Harold E. Mellin Final Report
Otto H. McClure Final Report
Roy M. Nonnemaker (resigned)
Richard B. Shepard Final Report
Molly Weir Final Report

Jr. Sr. High School Building Committee

Edward H. Gates Final Report
Otto H. McClure Final Report
Neil S. McCann Final Report
Edward H. Parker Final Report
Mary S. Pratt Final Report
Leland V. Corneille (Advisory Member)

Police Selection Committee

Jay Evans	6/30/77
Ernest M. Gay	6/30/77
Donald McKenney	6/30/77
Donna S. Muller	6/30/77
Bernard Wilkes, Jr.	6/30/77

Local Growth Policy Committee

Jane Kubacki	Final Report
Thomas McKelligott	Final Report
Edward Parker	Final Report
William Shattuck	Final Report
Dorothy Sroka	Final Report
Wm. Gerry Whitlock (from Selectmen)	
Representative from Planning Board	
Eleanor Schmidt (from Conservation Comm.)	
Edmund F. Wallace (from Housing Authority)	
Representative from Board of Health	

Police Officers

Chief

Ernest M. Gay	6/30/79
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Full-Time

Robert A. Knight	6/30/77
Henry E. McManus (resigned 10/76)	6/30/77
Ernest M. Gay, Jr. (appt. 12/76)	6/30/77

Sergeant

Elmer M. Potter (resigned 10/76)	6/30/77
Merton L. Pratt	6/30/77

Constable

Ernest M. Gay	6/30/77
Elmer M. Potter (resigned 10/76)	6/30/77

Officers

Patricia W. Antonovitch	6/30/77
Paul F. Austin	6/30/77
Lester W. Beaudoin (Church)	6/30/77
Raymond E. Breton (resigned 9/76)	6/30/77
Alfred H. Burns	6/30/77
David A. Conkey	6/30/77
Edward S. Czech (Church)	6/30/77
Thomas M. Dranka	6/30/77
Irene C. Gay	6/30/77
Philip N. Vanasse	6/30/77
William C. Zobka	6/30/77
Ernest M. Gay, Jr.	6/30/77
Robert L. Methot	6/30/77
Roy F. Bergeron (appt. 8/76)	6/30/77
James J. Verdier (appt. 9/76)	6/30/77
Stephen Czupryna (appt. 11/76)	6/30/77
Paul L. DeBettencourt (appt. 11/76)	6/30/77
Michael Brougham (appt. 12/76)	6/30/77

Special Police-School Traffic

Patricia Antonovitch	6/30/77
Lillian C. Austin	6/30/77
James R. Lodge	6/30/77
Jane L. Hamel	6/30/77

All Other Specials

A. Preston Atwood	6/30/77
Randolph H. Brown	6/30/77
Robert W. Chevalier	6/30/77
Wallace F. Chevalier	6/30/77
Ralph Goodreau (S.R.S. Club)	6/30/77
Ronald Roberts (S.R.S. Club)	6/30/77
Ronald Zobka (S.R.S. Club)	6/30/77
Susan C. Michael (resigned 1/76)	
Arthur J. LaFleur (appt. 2/76)	6/30/76

Board of Health Appointments

Report Clerk

Charlotte P. Ketchen	1977
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Agent Sanitarian

John A. Brickett	1977
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Inspector of Animals

Lewis J. Austin	1977
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Inspector of Plumbing

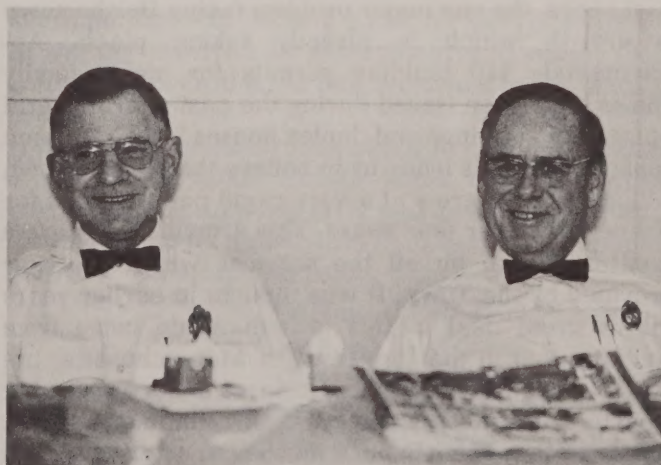
Edward F. Czupkiewicz	1977
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Special Agent at Belchertown State School

Aran Kasparian, M.D.	1977
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Advisor to Board

Kenneth L. Collard, M.D.	1977
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Selectmen's Report

The Board of Selectmen submits to you, the citizens of Belchertown, their annual report for the year ending December 31, 1976.

It is our hope that you will take some time to read the reports of the various elected and appointed officials as a great number of hours have been spent by these people. The Finance Committee report should be reviewed and studied before you attend the Annual Town Meeting.

The Board of Selectmen has met with all appointed and elected committees during the year in order to bring each group up to date on the activities of the Town and to keep this Board abreast of all other activities. These meetings also allow the opportunity for more input for all activities.

In 1976, the Board of Selectmen welcomed three new members, Kenneth Snow, Shirley Dorey, and Bernard F. Wilkes, Jr. At our organizational meeting, the liaison system, whereby each member is assigned to a particular department of committee, was continued and has proved to be successful in many ways. The system was set up as follows:

William G. Whitlock: Chairman, Liaison to Administration

Bernard F. Wilkes, Jr.: Vice Chariman, Liaison for Public Safety

Shirley A. Dorey: Clerk, Liaison for Recreation Programs, Bicentennial Commission, Historical Commission, Conservation Commission, Council on Aging and all special committees.

Kenneth H. Snow: Liaison for the Highway Department
Peter M. Dearness: Liaison for Municipal Buildings and Services

If anyone is in need of information on any phase of our Town government, they should contact the Selectmen in charge of that department.

As we have stated in our previous reports during the past years, the one major problem facing Belchertown is growth which is already taking place. Approximately 110 building permits for single family homes have been issued during the past year. Several apartment buildings and duplex houses have also been constructed. This leads us to believe that Belchertown will continue to grow at a very rapid pace at least for the next three or four years. This growth will cause a greater burden on all the services which are now provided by the Town. It was thought in earlier years that a great deal of this growth would come from Amherst due to the University of Massachusetts, but we now find that many of the new residents are coming from the larger towns and cities surrounding the area. This growth is going to put a much greater emphasis on

the Planning Board who have the great responsibility of reviewing and updating the zoning by-laws and subdivision regulations.

The Board of Appeals, which is an appointed Board, will also spend a great amount of time in reviewing requests that will be presented to them. We are fortunate that the Town did have the foresight in the years past to vote for zoning which will help to control the growth of our community.

The Board of Selectmen has filed several block grants through the state and the federal government. These grants require a great deal of time and effort. The requested grants have been for a recreation area and civic center at the Colony Farm #2 at the Belchertown State School and another to further our recreational facilities for outdoor recreation such as tennis courts, picnic areas, etc. The Town voted to hire Doris Wright of Wright Associates who has worked very closely with the Board in locating funds which could be available for our community.

The Board of Selectmen, through the Massachusetts Selectmen's Association and our local legislators, has supported legislation requesting that the state take no action on any legislation which would mandate further costs to the towns. We are now faced with the legislative mandate for Chapter 766 which, when enacted, was supposed to be 100% financed by the Commonwealth. We saw no objections and felt a need for such a program, however, it has certainly been borne out that we are now picking up the major share of funding for this. Home rule has been a word that has been battered around for centuries and to date very little headway is being made to correct this situation. We are now having meetings with our local legislators to state our views on current legislation in the hope that a common solution can be arrived at. Other items which are greatly going to affect us in the



future years are the reduction of school transportation, highway maintenance which has totally been eliminated on this year's cherry sheet, and Chapter 70 which is school aid to education which in the last two years has been greatly reduced and will appear as a greater burden on our community. Unless we can work with team effort with all of our Town committees, we are going to see greater encroachment on our state reimbursements. In knowing the financial condition of the state, we do not feel that state aid should be increased but at least the amounts should remain the same for all communities.

Our Board has supported legislation to allow the Metropolitan District Commission to do a thorough study of the possibility of Quabbin water to be used by local communities and we now have a bill before the legislature for this. It is unfortunate that this was never done at the early stages of the Quabbin development but there is no question of the need for additional water in the coming years.

Another important item which has been on our agenda is the elimination of the Route 181 dry bridge and it now appears that we are finally in the final stages of this project. We should see major activity in the coming year.

The reconstruction of the Isaac's Corner section of Route 21 is in the final stages. Both of these safety projects will be federally funded and should require no cost to our community.

In reviewing the various reports, you will see that the Police Department is now on a full time basis with the Chief and two full time police officers plus one more full time officer under the CETA program. This has proved to be very successful and it allows the department to provide the type of service that is needed by our citizens. All members, both full time and part time, are taking emergency medical courses and various other police schooling which has improved their efficiency in carrying out their duties. We will also be getting a new ambulance which will be equipped to handle any emergency and will still continue to be a free service to our residents.

Moving into their new facilities has greatly helped the Highway Department in the operation of their department, not only in the maintenance of the equipment, but also in the efficiency of the personnel. We are still continuing our street program and have completed some 35 secondary roads from gravel to a hard surface. Numerous drainage projects, long overdue, have been completed and as we continue to grow with more houses, more drainage will be required. We have programmed our budget to meet these needs. We are continuing the sealing of the existing roads on a program basis so that they will not deteriorate. Our main project has been Bay Road, hopefully the next section will be ready for travel by the end of 1977. Here again, this project is totally state

funded and is under the direction of the requirements of the State Department of Public Works.

We have concentrated our efforts to the resurfacing of our numbered routes such as Routes 9, 181, and the Three Rivers Road. Route 21 has been completed.

We have joined in the repairing of the Red Bridge with the Town of Ware. We hope this bridge will be opened to traffic by the end of the summer. We feel strongly that all bridges which are joining our neighboring communities should be opened to traffic and a maintenance program should be continued so that these bridges will not have to be closed again.

The Board of Selectmen has taken full advantage of the CETA program and has acquired maintenance positions, recreation positions, Council on Aging positions, patrolmen, and secretarial services from federal funds.

Our liaison has worked closely with the Council on Aging which has done an outstanding job in setting up a senior citizen center and the lunch programs. A van was acquired which is a big help for the Council and a welcome service for the elderly.

During 1976, Chief Fuller stepped down as Fire Chief and the Board of Selectmen appointed Pat Menard to fill the position. Many members of the Fire Department are now in the process of getting their CPR training which will be a tremendous credit to the Fire Department. These men certainly deserve a lot of credit since they are entirely volunteer which causes the department to run on a minimal budget.

The one area which we follow very closely is the tax rate which is affected by the costs generated by all departments. We have to look very closely at what the needs are going to be and try to program for these needs so that we will not be hit with a large tax increase in the future.

We are fortunate in many ways; we have Town water and Town sewer in certain areas and we have a school system of which we can be proud. We also have the Pathfinder School which is now in full swing and should be taken full advantage of by our residents.

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome the new citizens who have moved to our community. We hope they will become an active part of the Town by getting involved in government and other Town activities. This will make Belchertown a better place to live in.

As our Bicentennial year comes to a close the Board of Selectmen would like to thank the Bicentennial Committee and all other civic and Town organizations for their support and the fine job they did in helping this very important occasion.

William G. Whitlock, Chairman
Bernard F. Wilkes, Jr.
Peter M. Dearness
Shirley A. Dorey
Kenneth H. Snow

Police Department

Message from the Chief to the Citizens of Belchertown:

The Belchertown Police Department is appointed to serve and protect the citizens of this town.

The alarming increases in crime statistics throughout the nation has shown its impact upon the activities of the Belchertown Police Department during the past year. The number of crimes against persons and property have substantially risen. Your police officers dealt with all these situations in a professional manner. Many crimes were solved.

Statistics also indicate that arrests for serious crimes have increased. I feel that quick response to the scene, has meant apprehension of criminals. Motor vehicle arrests have decreased somewhat, due to the time the officers are spending on investigations.

The deterrent to crime is punishment. However, the intermediate steps to punishment include initial police response, thorough investigation, apprehension and prosecution.

Your police officers continue to perform their duties in a commendable fashion realizing that it is their duty and responsibility to not only protect, but to serve the public. My only regret is that I find officers unable to assist citizens because they are engaged in more pressing public safety functions. Officers should not have to make a choice. Resources and personnel should be available to meet community needs.

Therefore, I am asking that the citizens of Belchertown re-evaluate priorities in regard to police service. Serious consideration should be given to the department's request for additional full time officers and facilities in order that we may cope with your needs for protection and service.

In conclusion, I would like to express my feelings of loss on the retirement of Chief Louis Fuller from the Fire Department, as we have worked closely for many years.

Respectfully submitted,
Ernest M. Gay
Chief of Police

PERSONNEL

This year the department has seen many changes in personnel. Officer Henry E. McManus resigned. Both Randolph H. Brown and Lester Beaudoin retired, after many years of devoted service to this department. Sgt. Elmer Potter and Officer Raymond Breton also resigned. Under the CETA Program we have a full-time officer, James Verdier, working for this department. Four new part-time officers were added. They are Officers Roy Bergeron, Stephen Czupryna, Paul DeBettencourt and Michael Brougham.

The strength of this department consists of a Chief, two full time men, one CETA man, one part-time Sergeant, twelve part-time patrolmen and two policewomen.

In a continuing effort to make the public aware of problems in the community, I have appointed Officer Robert Knight, Safety Officer, which has taken him into our local schools speaking on the many aspects of safety.

As mentioned in the past, this department is here to serve each and every citizen of Belchertown, so please don't hesitate to call on us.

TRAINING

Breathalyzer School—Officer Robert Knight, Officer Paul Austin

Massachusetts Attorney General's Drug Abuse Education—Officer Robert Knight

Rape Victimization Seminar—Officer Robert Knight, Officer Ernest Gay, Jr., Officer Patricia Antonovitch

Uniform Crime Reporting Training Seminar—Chief Ernest M. Gay, Officer Patricia Antonovitch

White Collar Crime Seminar—Chief Ernest M. Gay, Officer Robert Knight

Massachusetts Criminal Justice Training Council

Motor Vehicle Law—Chief Ernest M. Gay, Officer Robert Knight

Western Massachusetts Law Enforcement Communications

The following received training in new radio system that links Western Massachusetts cities and towns: Chief Ernest M. Gay, Officer Robert Knight, Officer Ernest Gay, Jr.

In Service Training

Radar classes were held for officers in this department. The course was given by Sgt. James Port, Massachusetts State Police.

Department Activities

Complaints	2111
Accidents Investigated	277
Doors and windows (found open)	526
House checks	351
Protective Custody	20
Fatal Accidents	2
Ambulance Trips	195

1976 Court Offenses

Forcible Rape	3
Aggravated Assault	8
Breaking and Entering	9
Larceny (Except Auto)	11
Assault and Battery	9
Stolen Property	4
Vandalism	11
Firearms	1
Sex Offenses	1
Offenses against Family	1
Driving Under the Influence	26

Liquor Law Violations	3
Disorderly Conduct	2
All other offenses except traffic	52
Driving to Endanger	26
Speeding	367
Stop Sign (and lights)	102
Sticker Violations	17
No License	28
No Registration	25
Defective Equipment	9
Fish and Game Violations	10
Failing to License Dog	103
Juvenile Cases	47

Total Cases	886

Fire Department

As Fire Chief and Forest Warden, I hereby submit the following for the annual report of the Fire Department.

Responses for assistance totaled 148 for the year 1976, reflecting an increase of 17 calls.

Building fires-44 (up 7 from 1975)

Chimney fires-20 (new category, no count)

Mobile home fires-2 (new category, no count)

Vehicle fires-29 (up 10 from 1975)

Vehicle rescues-3 (new category, no count)

Utility poles and wires-3 (new category, no count)

Dump runs-2 (down)

Forest and brush fires-39 (down 13)

False alarms-6 (down 13)

Search for missing persons-3 (no change)

Total estimated loss to buildings-\$65,000.00

Total estimated loss for contents-27,140.00

Total estimated loss for vehicles-22,187.00

Other interesting statistics are:

Total miles traveled to and from fires-751

Total hours of fire suppression-138.45

Total man-hours of fire suppression-2,192.79

Average member response to calls-48%

There has been a sharp increase in the number of responses to chimney fires, most of which were caused by wood burning stoves. Caution cannot be overstressed in both areas of use and installation procedures of wood burning equipment. In some cases,

ignition of combustible materials around the outside of the chimney occurred due to the poor condition of old chimneys now being used.

I am happy to report that there has been a 63% decrease in the number of false alarms reported this year. A 0% would be most desirable.

The Rescue Power Jaws purchased by the Firefighters Association have proved most valuable and have been used for two successful rescue responses for victims trapped in vehicles.

Training has proceeded as usual with four members attending the Minutemens' Firefighting School in Ware. We now have two members and one auxiliary member trained and certified for E.M.T. and also ten regular members plus four auxiliary members certified for C.P.R.

I wish to extend my thanks to the members of this department for their assistance and cooperation, to the Police Department for assistance, the Board of Selectmen, the telephone operators at the Belchertown State School for services rendered on a 24 hour-a-day basis in receiving fire calls or related problems, also for services rendered by the B.S.S. Security Office at forest fires etc. and also to the many townspeople for their generous support of our annual raffle.

Respectfully submitted,
Raymond R. Menard
Fire Chief and Forest Fire Warden

Belchertown Fire Department Personnel

Fire Chief	Raymond R. Menard
Assistant Chief	Donald F. Bock
Deputy Chief	Carl J. Peterson, Jr.
Deputy Chief	Louis E. Fuller
Captain	Harry Brougham
Lieutenant	David Hodgen
Lieutenant	Samuel Joyal
Lieutenant	Edward Fuller
Lieutenant	Hugh Hubbard, Jr.

Members

Royal Gay	Herbert Wood
Edward Gates	Richard Knight
Irving Hislop	Raymond Peeso
William Shattuck	David Auclair
Kenneth J. Thayer	Paul Greene
John Ribeiro	Roy Reece, Jr.
Thomas Fuller	George Greule
Benjamin Williams	Robert Anderson
Albert Dewhurst	Walter Newth
Richard McGinnis	Michael Hayward
Gordon Hodge	Larry Barthelette

State School Operators

Helen Gaudreau	Genevieve Rusiecki
Margaret Dudrick	Patricia Staples
Margaret Gendron	Madeline Geer
Bernadette Fountain	Sophie McDermott

Board of Health

The Board of Health has had a full year. We investigated several complaints, most of which were landlord-tenant related. We observed 107 percolation tests for subsurface sewage disposal permits. The 94 that were later installed were inspected by this board.

During the course of the year various clinics were held with the cooperation of Dr. Collard, medical advisor to the Board of Health, Mrs. Ayers, School Nurse, the Council on Aging, and the Quaboag Valley V.N.A. Clinics were offered for pre-school immunizations, glaucoma detection, and Swine flu vaccination.

The clerk of infectious diseases reports the following record of diseases dangerous to the public health:

Record of Diseases Dangerous To The Public Health

Amebiasis-intestinal	6
Animal Bites	18
Meningitis	1
Salmonellosis	1
Streptococcal Infection	3
Hepatitis	1
Syphilis	1
Gonorrhea	1
Tuberculosis	1

Charlotte P. Ketchen

Respectfully Submitted

Linda H. Snow, Francis Dudek,
James Bonafini

Sealer of Weights

To Selectmen of Town of Belchertown

Tested and sealed Jan. 1-1976-Dec. 31, 1976.

Scales over 10,000 lbs	3
Scales 100 lbs to 5000 lbs.	7
Scales under 100 lbs.	22
Avoirdupois weights	21
Gasoline pumps	41
Kero. and grease pumps	11
Cloth measuring devices	4
Yard sticks	11

I have collected and turned over to the Town Treasurer fees amounting to \$241.95.

Respectfully submitted,
Royal K. Gay, Sealer



Sanitarian Report

As Agent-Sanitarian for the Board of Health, I respectfully submit my annual report for 1976.

During 1976, regular inspections were made on all food service (restaurants) and retail food service (stores & markets) establishments during the year. For the most part, the establishments were in a good sanitary condition.

Monthly inspections were made at the two mobilhome parks. The parks were in a good sanitary condition.

During the summer months regular water samples were taken from the town beach and from the bath-house drinking water faucets. Both sources were satisfactory for their respective purposes.

Monthly inspections were made of the town dump. The condition of the dump has been good.

All temporary food booths were inspected by the Board of Health and myself during the Fair. More food service booths were present in 1976 than at any other fair. Most of the units were mobil with running hot and cold water systems. Such units up-grade the food service present at the common.

Consultation was provided to the Board of Health upon request.

I wish to thank the Board of Health and the people of Belchertown for giving me such good cooperation during 1976.

Respectfully submitted,
John A. Brickett, R.S.
Agent-Sanitarian for
the Board of Health

Animal Inspector

All inspections, of animals and conditions under which they are kept, ordered by the Division of Animal Health have been completed and reports filed with the Division at 100 Cambridge St., Boston. This year equine owners were asked if animals were Coggins Tested for control and eradication of Equine Infectious Anemia and vaccinated for control and eradication of Eastern-Western Encephalitis.

There were three shipments of cattle received in Town from other states. These were identified and released per order of the Division.

There were 38 visits made to quarantine and examine dogs known to have bitten persons. None showed symptoms of rabies and were released after 10 days. Also, 2 raccoon bites were reported to the Division. Some notices of bites were directly from owner, person bitten, or Hospital Emergency Room, rather than from Reporter of Communicable Diseases or Board of Health.

Respectfully submitted,
Lewis J. Austin,
Animal Inspector

Tree Warden

I hereby submit my report for the year of 1976 as Tree Warden and Superintendent of Insect Pest Control.

Tree Warden: during the year, forty one trees were cut down and hauled away. Many trees were trimmed of deadwood and broken limbs. August 10th we had a hurricane that did a large amount of damage to healthy trees.

In the spring, five Rock and five Crimson King Maples were planted. In the fall five more Rocks and five more Crimson Kings were planted.

Dutch Elm Disease: Thirty three tested and condemned trees were cut down and destroyed.

Insect Pest Control: Elm trees were sprayed twice with Methoxychlor to combat the spread of Dutch Elm Disease. We sprayed more area for Gypsy Moth which resulted in a reduction of this pest.

Fall Web Worm is still unsightly in the early fall. We have to spray for this pest in July, before it makes a web. We sprayed for this pest on some of the main roads in the center of town.

Respectfully submitted,
Albert W. Brown

Dog Officer

This is an annual report of the Dog Officer and Assistant for the year 1976.

Strays	198
Investigations	140
Dogs hit by cars	52
Found owners	100
\$10.00 Kennel Lic.	41
\$25.00 Kennel Lic.	2
\$50.00 Kennel Lic.	2
Regular Lic.	1,103

This year there were 195 late payers who were fined \$10.00 each.

Respectfully submitted,
Wallace Chevalier
Dog Officer

Parks & Beaches

The requests for an expansion of recreational services continue. However, due to a budget that did not grow with these requests, the Town has had to rely on a CETA employee and the generosity of citizens to add any new dimensions to the program. A square dance program has begun; films at the Old Town Hall, expansion of the arts and crafts program, ice skating at Orr Rink, Yoga classes and various trips have been added.

CETA positions are not guaranteed over a year so the committee hopes to add monies for part time personnel to carry out new programs. This committee also will push for expansion of programs through the present allotment of staff. We feel this is not only desirable, but needed, if we are to provide the dynamic program we hope for.

The Old Town Hall, Town Beach and Parsons Field were used to their fullest capacities. More recreation facilities are badly needed.

The goals of the committee will be: 1. To improve present recreation programs; 2. To expand recreation programs; 3. To work towards the expansion of recreation facilities; 4. To further develop and refine the recreation master plan.

It is the agreement of the Recreation Committee that strong and vigorous action will have to be made by this committee and the Town if we are to meet the growing needs of our Town.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael P. Forgue, Chairman
Arlene Markert, Secretary (resigned)
Jay Evans
Patricia Burton
June Smith

Veteran's Agent

To the Board of Selectmen:

The Veterans' Services Department has had another busy year, and an equally busy one seems to be coming up.

My Tuesday night office hours are usually completely utilized by personal interviews which in turn makes for more work to be done at home by my secretary and me. My secretary is certainly doing a fine job typing, receiving and making calls to Boston's Veterans' office, area hospitals, physicians' offices and receiving calls from recipients of aid, during the day, when I am not available. I in turn receive many calls during the evening. It certainly is amazing the hours and paper work involved in each claim. It must be remembered, all claims must be processed and investigated. Many are not approved in the end, but the law states they must be processed. This year we have asked for no increases in salaries or budgets for 1978.

I wish to extend my thanks to the Board of Selectmen for letting me use their outer office without any interferences this year, and to the area physicians and druggist and the administrator of the Susan Bridgeman Fund.

Respectfully submitted,
Earl F. Henrichon
Veterans' Agent

Personnel Board

The Board began operations after the approval of the new Personnel By Law in 1976. The board has met several times to respond to numerous questions pertaining to benefits, interpretation and implementation of the By Law. The Board has reviewed and classified all the new full time employees hired since July 1, 1976.

The Board in its operation has continually sought to review the By Law for the purpose of clarification and correction of the By Law.

We wish to thank the various Town Boards, Department heads, and employees for their cooperation with the Personnel Board in the first year of the Personnel By Law.

Respectfully submitted,
Howard Atkins, Chairman
JoAnn Gavin
George Greule, Clerk



Veterans Graves

The Cemetery Commissioners have again done an excellent job and I can report that all Veteran's Graves known to me are in good order.

As of January 1, 1977 we have 255 Veteran's graves in eight cemeteries. During 1976 four government issue stone grave markers were set. We are holding two more to be put in the ground as soon as weather and temperature permit.

Respectfully submitted,
Milton A. Butler
Veteran's Graves Officer
Belchertown, Mass.

Building Inspector

I respectfully submit my annual report for the year 1976.

Description	Permits
Residential	96
Additions, alterations	28
Accessory use	45
Multi-family (52 units)	3
Mobile homes	31
Commercial	2
Demolition	4
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	209

The estimated construction cost of the permits issued was \$3,775,778.00 an increase of approximately \$1.4 million over 1975. Approximately 700 on-site inspections were made at periodic construction stages.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Holmes, Jr.

Inspector of Buildings

Housing Authority

The Belchertown Housing Authority has only one 667 project, State Aided Housing for the Elderly, under management. The Project, Everett Acres, consists of 48 apartments which are fully occupied with a waiting list of 30 applicants.

The income eligibility requirements were increased during the year to a maximum of \$6,000, net income per year for an individual, and a maximum of \$6,300, net income per year for a couple, as recommended by Department of Community Affairs Regulations and are currently 25% of net income and include heat, lights, water, and maintenance. Rents which are based on each individual's income cover a wide range, however; for budget purposes the average rent is \$62.00 per unit per month.

For fiscal year 1977, the Authority's approved operating budget is \$54,447.00. The budget does not include interest or principal on the construction cost of \$1,065,000, which is paid directly by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. All project operating cost above rental income is also paid by the State.

The Authority in conjunction with the Water Commissioners recently completed the installation of a water treatment system to reduce the corrosive activity of local water on metals. The system should reduce plumbing repairs and replacements which have constituted a larger share of our operating expenses than should be expected for a small project.

The Authority made application for direct local administration of the "Section Eight" Federal Rental Assistance Program. The application was denied by

HUD due to a "lack of funds." This program is currently administered in town by the Hampden-Hampshire Housing Assistance Allowance Program, Inc. of Springfield. For more information concerning this Rental Assistance Program for low and moderate income families and individuals call their toll free number 1-800-332-9667.

Edmund F. Wallace, Chairman

Louis J. Austin

Arlan V. Skinner

Kenneth W. Thayer

Sophia M. Pero

Development & Industrial Commission

The Commission through several meetings, discussions and analysis of the town's public opinion and assets has narrowed its goal to the promotion of the 3 types of industries. Year round recreation park, essentially based on the outdoor sports activity, a large warehousing and trucking facility or a cement products manufacturing based on a readily available gravel and cargo flow terminal. Pursuing the above goals, a joint session was held between the Selectmen, Commission and the Management Group of the Mass. Division of Fisheries and Game. The proposal of a joint venture trailer park located on the grounds of the former "Robins Farm" was made to the Division. This proposal is still under advisement.

Secondly, by request from Boston, we have prepared and submitted in October, to the State a "Site selection profile for Warehousing and Distributing Facility". This plan if approved would create an Industrial Park in the location now zoned industrial, encompassing approximately 200 acres.

The cement products manufacturing failed to stimulate any special interests, essentially due to the high energy costs in our area. The Commission feels that without an offer of a tax holiday, free construction of sewers, water and roads along with active advertising by an outside promoting firm, we cannot attract the industry into our town. Next year's plans for the Commission would be the serious pursuit of the resolution of projects already started and further work with the town to acquire funds and agreements for Industrial Development.

Respectfully submitted,

P. Dearness

B. Land

P. Kamins

M. Geser

E. Parker

Planning Board

Members: Stanford J. Harrington, Chairman; Donald S. Cole, Vice-Chairman; Daniel Fitzpatrick, Clerk; Bruno Land, Representative to the Lower Pioneer Valley Planning Commission; John J. Sullivan 3rd, Member.

Former member, Kenneth H. Snow, resigned in April after being elected to the Board of Selectmen and was replaced by Daniel Fitzpatrick, and former member, William M. Cary, resigned in September because of a temporary move out of state and was replaced by Bruno Land, both replacements to serve until the next election.

The Planning Board met 17 times during 1976 and held 4 public hearings and 4 special meetings. Much of the Board's time was devoted to Subdivision Control. Six developments were dealt with as follows: Twin Pond Heights, Stadler Street, Westwood Drive, Pond Hill Circle, Juniper Acres and Central Heights. In most instances engineering changes in drainage provisions were required.

Deficiencies in the present zoning by-laws and the consequent difficulty encountered in their en-

forcement persuaded the Board to employ the services of two local residents, familiar with the problems of zoning, to act as consultants. It signed a contract with Stephen Lanphear and Henry Renouf to review the present regulations and to propose such changes as would benefit the Town in the future. Public hearings will be advertised and the Board urges all residents to attend and provide their input.

In view of the fact that Belchertown is one of the fastest growing communities in Massachusetts—residential building permits for 108 families were issued during the year—and that an expansion of its school system is inevitable, the Board strongly urges the immediate search and acquisition of a suitable new school site, preferably as close to the center as possible.

The Board was also greatly concerned over the permission granted to Amherst to test drill for water in Belchertown without the consent or approval of the voters. It unanimously passed a resolution requesting the Selectmen to provide both the Planning Board and the Town with a hydrological report of the area involved and a written statement of the impact that Amherst water rights in our town might have upon our residents.

Cemetery Commission

There were twenty-nine [29] burials in 1976.

In the early summer the stonewall at Lakevale Cemetery was repaired. The money for this came from a bequest from Willard Stebbins, who was responsible for the wall originally being built.

At Hillcrest Cemetery a row of fieldstones was set along Pine Street and southerly along Bardwell Street. This was done to prevent persons from driving across the corner lot of the cemetery.

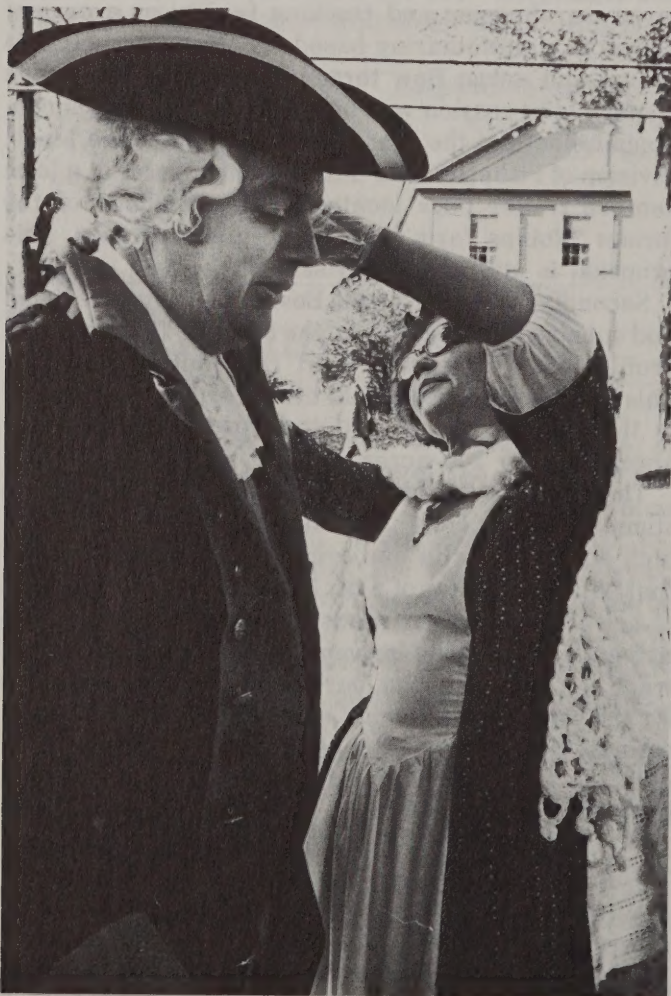
At South Cemetery a new development is starting to take shape. A service road has been made to the rear of the Cemetery and some rough grading of lots has been done. This spring it will be harrowed and seeded.

In all nine (9) cemeteries the overall condition is excellent. The grass has been mowed and broken tree limbs have been removed.

In the financial department, the following sums of money were turned back to the town:

Opening fees	\$2,660.00
Sale of lots	1,415.00
Perpetual care	885.00
Total returned	\$4,960.00

Respectfully submitted,
Paul C. Cook, Clerk
Sidney T. Wheble, Chairman
Daniel W. MacPhee



Board of Appeals

The work load of the Zoning Board of Appeals depends entirely on the number of applications for permit or variance which it receives. The case load in 1976 dropped to 15 from the all-time high of 31 which was reached in 1975, although 1976 still stands as the second highest year in the history of the Board.

Hearings were heard on applications for two-family houses, gravel banks, setback variances, structure modifications and camping grounds. In all cases the members of the Board visited the property in question and heard from the property abutters.

The instruction sheets which are provided for applicants and abutters continued to prove their worth as both parties—applicant and abutter—arrive at the public hearings better prepared to present their case.

The decisions of the Board of Appeals cannot always please everyone. A permit or variance which is justifiably granted may displease a less well-informed abutter or townspeople, while a denial of an appeal may disrupt the plans of an owner. The Belchertown

Zoning Board of Appeals believes that its primary duty is to the welfare of the town and its neighborhoods and it tries to base its decisions on those basic premises.

The town and all applicants should know that, in addition to the fact that the Z.B.A. has extensive judicial powers, it is instructed by law to base its decisions on certain standards. Consideration must be given to the specific property circumstances, hardship must be proven in some instances, and decisions must not be detrimental to the public good nor nullify the intent and purpose of the zoning.

The raising of the application fee to \$20.00 has been beneficial to the town treasury.

During the year two members retired from the Board: Mr. Farrington and Mr. Carmody. Mr. Laporte was named to the Board.

Respectfully submitted,
Patrick D. Kamins, Chairman
Arthur Davenport
Frank E. Farrington, Jr.
Donald R. Laporte
Peter Adzima, Associate
Walter J. Carmody, Associate

Zoning Enforcement

Zoning Compliance for Construction

The amount of construction activity increased again this year. In 1974 building permit applications numbered 127 and in 1975 185 building permit applications were processed; this year 217 applications were processed. 1976 showed a 70% increase over two years ago and a 17% increase over 1975. This additional activity over the past two years has put increased demands on inspectors and town offices related to construction.

All new construction sites were inspected for conformance with intensity regulations as set forth in the Zoning By-Law. In only one instance was the initiation of construction found to be in violation of the setback requirements. The majority of contractors and owner-builders have made a conscientious effort to comply with zoning setback requirements.

Regulatory Activities

The Office of Zoning Enforcement is also charged with monitoring and enforcing the decisions and conditions of Special Permits and variances issued by the Board of Appeals. This includes periodic inspections of sand and gravel removal operations and checks on expressed conditions contained in Special Permits or Variances. Notifications were sent to several gravel permit holders of potential violations or non-compliance with expressed conditions.



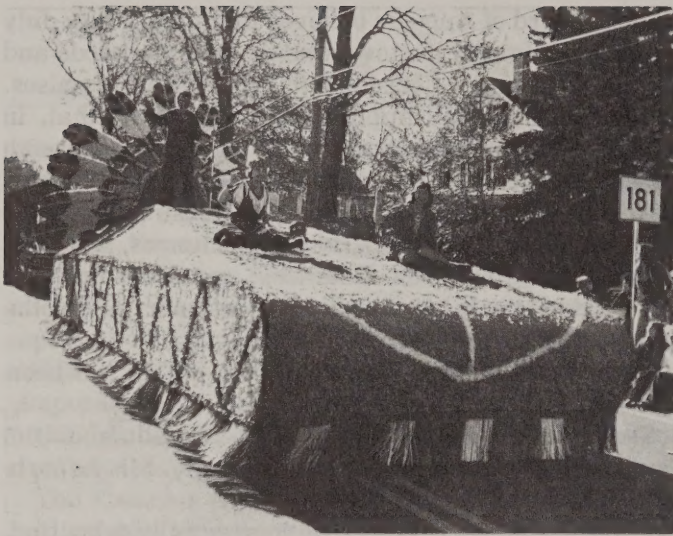
Zoning Violations

It was necessary to serve cease and desist orders for five zoning violations in 1976. To a great extent potential violations were averted by the individuals involved contacting this office prior to the actual implementation of the potential violation. The rest of the zoning cases were rectified through written or personal contact and did not warrant formal legal action.

By request of the Board of Health this office conducted dye tests on 21 septic facilities in the area of the lakes during the summer months. The testing will be continued in March of 1977. The aim of the testing is to spot any potential or existing pollution of the lake waters by septic effluent.

I wish to thank the numerous townspeople, various boards and town officers whose cooperation over the past year was received with much appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,
A.J. LaFleur



Historical Commission

The Belchertown Historical Commission has continued to work toward a complete inventory of noteworthy buildings, monuments and sites within the town. During the past year a survey of the cemeteries in town was completed with all pre 1830 stones listed, largely through the help and co-operation of Mrs. Edith Nyman, the Cemetery Commissioners, and Mrs. Paul Cook. Proper forms were forwarded to the Massachusetts Historical Commission in Boston.

Miss Christine Boulding a representative of the State Historical Commission met with us concerning the inventory and in regard to the procedures for registering worthy properties in the National Register of Historic Places. The establishment of Historic Districts was also discussed. Mr. Richard Gaffney, Hampshire County Planner, attended this meeting as well as Mrs. Malcolm Dorey, liaison from the Selectmen.

During the year Mr. Keith Bettencourt was appointed to the Commission to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Mrs. Nyman. His knowledge of old buildings should prove an asset to the Commission.

The Historical Commission again appeals to all owners of older homes in town to come forth with any information which they might have regarding building dates, alterations, and original owners. We note that a number of places in town bear date signs placed by their current owners and would appreciate communication regarding their knowledge and sources of same.

Gerald G. Tremaine, Chairman
Helen Lister
John Fitzgerald
Shirley Bock
Keith Bettencourt

Visiting Nurse

Total nursing visits, 1976

1,327

More patients seen in 20-64 age group. Increase in surgical patients discharged from area hospitals.

Active in: tuberculosis control program, post natal calls, child development, alcohol problems, mental retardation, nutrition counselling, mental health problems.

Worked closely with: senior center to aid age group 65 and over, town communicable disease nurse, town organizations to utilize town resources.

Used services offered by Cancer Society and American Heart Association on several occasions.

Respectfully submitted,

Rose Tyburski, R.N.

for Quaboag Valley Visiting Nurse Assn.



Council On Aging

January 1, 1976 through December 31, 1976

By the beginning of 1976 the Council on Aging had successfully completed extensive planning, and—based on priorities established—had operated the multi-purpose Senior Center for seven months. On January 1, 1976 the Co-directors, who had been volunteering since the inception of the COA, became paid employees; Clare Oberly as Social Services Director and Louise Wadsworth as Community Services Director.

Staff. During the year the Council was given a CETA slot and Jeanne Wadsworth was hired by the Selectmen to fill this position, her major duties being the Meals on Wheels program and door-to-door transportation. The SCCA entered into contract with the University of Mass. to secure the services of Shelley Modell under the Work-Study program, her principal concern being the Center's comprehensive Outreach service. Also in 1976 the Council was able to obtain a Senior Aide through the federal National Council of Senior Citizens Title IX Senior Aide program. Helen MacPhee qualified for this position, her major duties being telephone visitation and Center hostess. At the close of the year Council staff included five persons of whom four were part time and three were paid under federal programs.

Belchertown Senior Citizens' Center Assoc., Inc. Because of the Council on Aging, a branch of local government, can not operate on a revolving budget nor accept donations, the SCCA was formed in 1975 to support financially the services and programs of the Council. Early in 1976 the Association adopted a Constitution and By-Laws patterned after that of the Fire and Police Associations. In the fall the Association became incorporated as a non-profit organization under Chapter 180 of the General Laws of Massachusetts. Major reasons for incorporation were the numerous grants and funds available to such a body, the staffing available through the U of M and other federal programs, and the ability to offer both home delivered and congregate nutrition programs. The Meals on Wheels program, the Center luncheon program, and on-going fund raising for capital equipment were the major financial supports of the Association to the Council during 1976.

Nutrition. The Meals on Wheels service, the Council's first priority for 1976, was commenced in February. This service enables persons—no age restrictions—who are unable to prepare adequate nutritious meals to receive one hot, well balanced meal five days a week. Meals are prepared at the Center by the CETA staff member assisted by volunteers and are

delivered by volunteers who spend a few moments at each delivery thereby assuring daily contact with the recipient.

Pathfinder Regional Vocational-Technical High School received an Elderly Nutrition Grant from the Department of Education, Bureau of Nutrition which enabled them to serve daily luncheons to all persons 60 and over within their region. This much needed service commenced in January; the meals are well balanced, nutritious and appetizing. An equally important facet of this program is the fellowship and socialization which is offered for persons attending from the four towns. Transportation is available through the Center, and many others form their own "car pools" to participate in this program.

The bi-monthly Center luncheon which was a feature of opening day at the Center continued to attract large numbers throughout 1976. At the



beginning of the year these luncheons were prepared by Harry Shakarian, the Center's volunteer chef; later in the year Center staff assisted by many volunteers assumed this responsibility. Students from Belchertown High School are released from school to serve as waitresses for these luncheons. Programs and educational seminars followed many of these luncheons; others were followed by unstructured activities—cards, games, visiting.

During the year nutritional education was offered through the Hampshire County Extension Service and by individual nutrition guidance primarily by the Visiting Nurse and the Staff Nurse.

The Thanksgiving Dinner, which the Council together with other organizations and individuals planned so that no resident would be alone for this holiday, was a gratifying experience. Organizations pooled lists and over 100 calls were made as well as

extensive publicity to try and extend an invitation to anyone in the community who might not be a part of a Thanksgiving gathering. Over twenty-five persons sat down to a plentiful dinner at the Center on Thanksgiving Day, and eighteen additional persons received home delivered meals. This event was not limited to senior citizens—for Thanksgiving knows no age barriers.

Health. The Council on Aging placed great emphasis on adequate health services for senior citizens during 1976. Monthly blood pressure clinics were held at the Center under the direction of the staff Registered Nurse, Clare Oberly. Pathfinder nursing students under the supervision of their instructor, Louise Lucey, assisted in these clinics.

Belchertown senior residents took advantage of two on-going audiology clinics at the Skinner Clinic, Holyoke Hospital and the University of Mass. These programs involved extensive hearing tests and lip reading classes, and will continue offering services for the coming year.

Striving towards preventive health care for senior citizens, the second annual Health Fair was conducted during May. Testing was done for hemoglobin and diabetes in addition to blood pressure and cancer screening offered by the American Cancer Society. During the fall, swine flu inoculations were given to 189 residents in accord with the national guidelines.

The Council continued to work closely with the Quaboag Valley Visiting Nurse Association. Rose Tyburski, VN, maintained daily contact with the Center staff. In addition the VNA trained five Belchertown residents as Home Health Aides and placed these persons in Belchertown homes where added health services were needed.

The Council began work in 1976 on an extensive survey to assess the health needs, present and future, of all Belchertown residents. This survey was initiated in full cooperation with the Board of Health. The results of this survey will provide the foundational statistics and information for future health grants and services.

Transportation. Senior citizen needs for transportation services in 1976 were met in a variety of ways. Belchertown joined with neighboring towns in January to share a regional van, each Council using the vehicle one day a week. In September the Council voted to discontinue Belchertown's participation based on the feeling that the cost of over \$900 yearly was too great for this limited service. Throughout 1976 the Council depended mainly on volunteer drivers using their own vehicles to meet the transportation needs.

The senior citizens joined together to overcome limited transportation services by raising \$3,268 towards the purchase of a van. This money, received by the Belchertown Senior Citizens' Center

Association, Inc., was raised through craft shows, bazaars, raffles, and individual contributions. In addition to this outstanding effort by the senior citizens, the financial support of local community groups and \$4,300 from Federal Revenue Sharing made the "Go-Go" van a reality. The town's two eldest citizens, William Morris and Damien Beaudry, represented all those who helped in this project when they presented the final check to the Selectmen. Also in 1976 Michael Fitzpatrick, Administrative Assistant at Pathfinder Regional Vocational-Technical High School, submitted for the Belchertown Senior Citizens' Center Association, Inc., a private non-profit organization transportation grant—16 (2) (b). This grant is a show of Pathfinder's desire to increase "its role in providing coordinated services to the elderly within the Palmer-Belchertown area."

The majority of the transportation requests were for doctor visits, health related services, Pathfinder's congregate meals, Center activities and programs, and shopping trips. Private cars, holding adequate insurance, were reimbursed mileage costs by the Town for out of town doctor visits and health related services.



Activities—Services—Programs. The craft programs were well attended. During 1976 they included needlepoint, crewel, paper pottery, liquid embroidery, painting on glass, jewelry making, oil painting, artificial flowers, and egg decorating. The activities were arranged so each day offered a different interest. Starting in October, evening classes were started and were very well received. Other activities include swimming at Echo Hill, bowling, firming exercises, shuffleboard, and card parties.

Monthly bus trips to recreational or educational events and locations were very popular during 1976. Trips were taken to Edaville Christmas Festival, Red Sox ball game, Salisbury Beach Senior Citizens' Festival, Norcross Wildlife Sanctuary, and many other points of interest within the state. The senior citizens participating in these trips contribute towards the cost; usually more than covering the cost of the bus. Any expense over the monies contributed is taken from the Association funds.

During the past year we have tried to have the senior citizens meet the Town employees and elected officials. We had these people as speakers after our luncheons. This "Know Your Town" program was very informative and successful. Also in 1976 we were fortunate to have excellent slide, musical, and Extension service programs. Throughout the first eight months of 1976 senior citizens worked on projects at the Center and at home for our Fall Bazaar which will become an annual event.

The Council on Aging changed the eligibility requirements for the Senior I.D. Cards in mid 1976. Persons on early full retirement or completely disabled were included as eligible recipients by this change; previously only those 65 or over were entitled. Many local merchants had participated in this courtesy discount service since its inception in February 1975. During 1976 Choquette's Market initiated a 10 percent senior discount on each Wednesday.

The Income Tax Assistance service was introduced as a Center program in 1976. This service was provided by University of Mass., School of Business Administration students, and was open to the entire community. Other services provided by outside agencies at the Center during 1976 included federal Rental Assistance service and Food Stamp application, assistance and verification; both also open to the entire community.

The Council's Information and Referral services during 1976 assisted many of our senior citizens with the complexities of health insurances, Social Security, Supplemental Security Income, and many and varied other federal and private social services. The Direct Information Service in Amherst, serving Hampshire County, has been used extensively in obtaining needed referrals; as has the American Cancer Society, Wing Memorial Community Health Center in Palmer, and many other agencies. Belchertown's unique position of being within Hampshire County while being serviced by federal agencies in Holyoke added to the complexities of fast and effective Information and Referral. This service, though difficult to measure statistically, is one of the most relevant that is offered.

The Outreach program, mainly the responsibility of staff member Shelley Modell, has been very effective. Many persons eligible for services—both federal and community—have been located through Outreach. Many others became involved in some phase of the Center's program. Others were on the Telephone Visitation which is one of the major duties of staff Senior Aide Helen MacPhee; it assures the elderly of regular telephone contact. During the Christmas holidays in 1976 staff members and volunteers visited eighty-seven elderly shut ins and elders living alone. The need for continual repeat Outreach existed in many instances. In other Outreach contacts persons were found to be eligible for SSI, Food Stamps, health

services, nutrition services, and homemaker assistance. Outreach was, and will continue to be, of major importance in the Council's attempt to adequately and effectively serve our community's senior citizens.

State—Regional—Local Relationship. Prior to 1976 the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Department of Elder Affairs, had worked to have established regional non-profit organizations known as Home Care Corporations to receive federal elder services monies on a regional basis, and to disburse funds and offer limited social services to the communities within their region. Regionalization has been, and still is, the modus operandi of our State Department of Elder Affairs. Belchertown was assigned to the Holyoke-Chicopee Regional Home Care Corp. Inc. It was through this regional organization that some of our federal monies and services came in 1976, and will continue to come in the foreseeable future. Communication between Home Care and our Council improved during 1976 as together we clarified responsibilities and areas of involvement within Belchertown. Through the federal Title XX, elderly social services, program—administered by the regional Home Care Corp., seven Belchertown senior citizens received homemaker service during 1976. In December 1976 the Belchertown Council was notified that they had been awarded a federal Title III grant by the Home Care Corp. in amount of \$1,125. These funds will be received in early 1977 and will be used for mileage reimbursement for volunteer drivers for medical, mental health, and nutrition related trips. Belchertown is represented on the Home Care Corp. Board of Directors by Alice Peden with Louise Wadsworth as alternate; and on the Home Care Corp. Advisory Board by Clare Oberly, Shelley Modell, and Brenda Hodge with Bradford Purdy as alternate.

The local Councils in Western Massachusetts met as the Western Mass. Assoc. of Councils on Aging, Inc. four times during 1976. This association, which at the end of the year represented 57 local Councils, was the major channel for communication between the local Council and the State Department of Elder Affairs.

For the first six months of 1976 local area Councils—Palmer, Granby, Ware, and Belchertown—met here in Belchertown for an extended series of seminars. As 1976 progressed the shared services—Pathfinder congregate meals and the Visiting Nurse service—that existed between Palmer and Belchertown made it evident that a much closer degree of cooperation could be expected between the Councils of these two towns.

The Department of Elder Affairs, using federal Title IVA monies, commenced to fund courses in gerontology for those persons working in this field. Belchertown's staff has participated in these courses, most of which are offered at either the University of Mass. or Holyoke Community College.

Policy and Priorities. The Council on Aging, appointed by the Board of Selectmen, is the policy and support group for all elderly services and programs that the staff administers within our community. In mid-year a sub-committee was appointed to write a Guideline and Policy Manual for the COA. The final draft of this Manual was approved by the entire Council in October and will be the guide for all policy decisions in the future; thus assuring continuity of policy.

The Council's priorities established for 1976, especially the Meals on Wheels service, were met. Existing services were expanded in most instances, and a growing trust and reliance upon the Center and staff was evidenced.

Looking to 1977 the Council has established three major priorities: first, stress on preventive medical, mental health, and nutrition services; second, town wide recognition of the importance of barrier free public buildings and areas; and third, working through

the Belchertown Senior Citizens' Center Assoc., Inc. towards realization of non-profit congregate living or community residence for those elders within our community for whom independent living is difficult.

The Council greatly appreciates the immense support which local organizations and individuals gave to Council services and programs during 1976. The hundreds of volunteer hours and the hundreds of dollars which were given so unselfishly enabled your Council to bring countless services and programs to Belchertown senior citizens. The "small town community spirit" has indeed been evident. To each and every one who in any way contributed to the overall efforts of the Council on Aging we say "Thank you" for your involvement in this community venture.

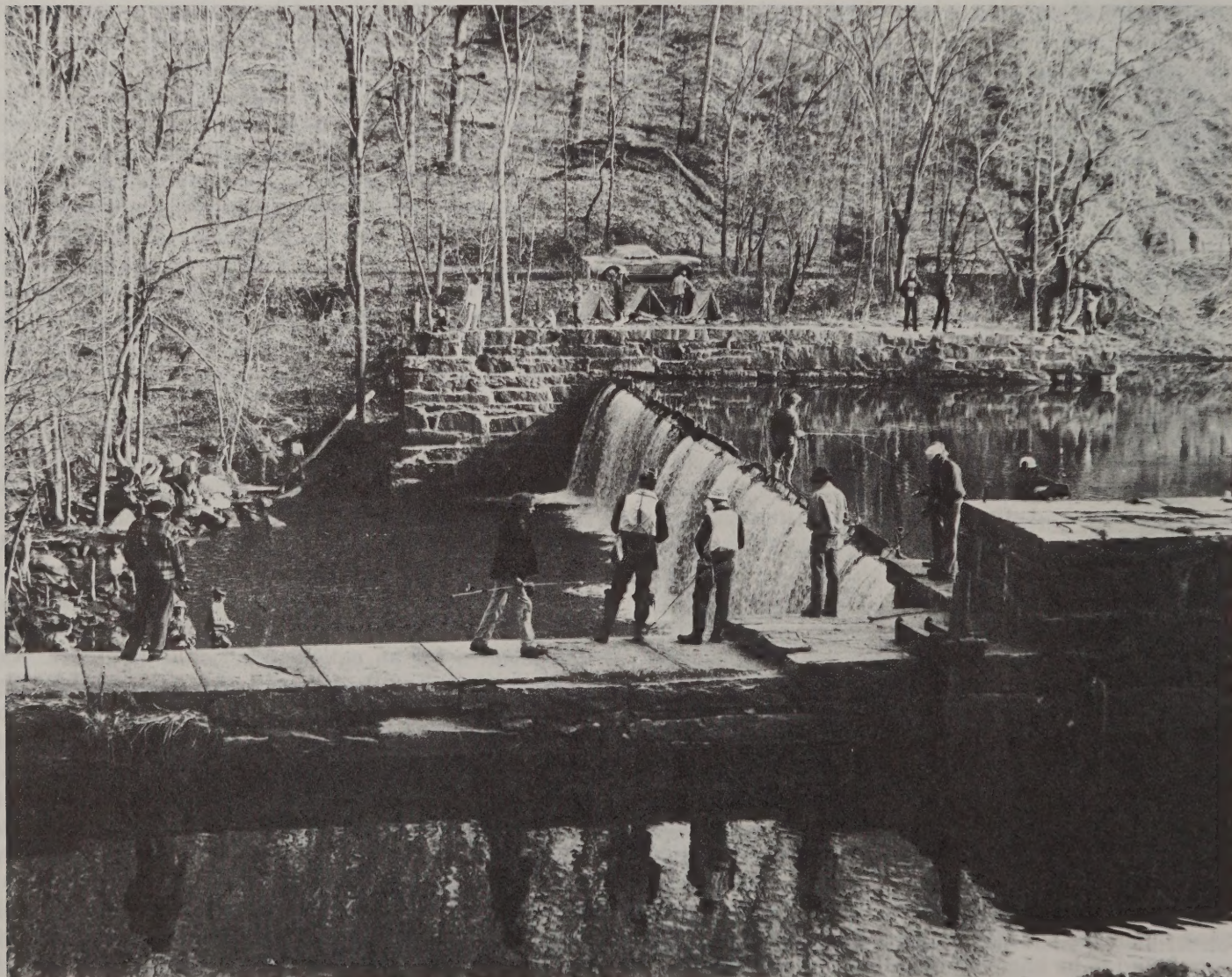
Respectfully submitted,

Louise Wadsworth

Clare Oberly

Co-Directors

Belchertown Council on Aging



Annual Statistical Report

(January 1, 1976 through December 31, 1976)

I. SENIOR CITIZEN STATISTICAL PROFILE:

Age Group	No. of Males	No. of Females	No. Retired	No. Working	No. Live Alone	No. Live Others	No. to * Center	No. * Outreach
60-64	118	130	122	126	21	227	95	25
65-69	86	105	169	22	32	159	130	35
70-74	56	64	117	3	37	83	81	44
75-79	35	45	79	1	23	57	1	34
80-84	13	27	40	0	18	22	18	29
85-89	9	18	27	0	13	14	12	21
90+	3	6	9	0	7	2	2	8
Nursing Homes	5	8	13	0	(13)	—	—	6
Bltn. State School	33	24	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals								
Community & N.H. (Excl. BSS)	325	403	576	152	164	564	339	202

*Figures in Outreach and Center columns are from 5/1/75 through 12/31/76.

II. SENIOR CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT:

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
Total to Senior Center	401	499	586	555	374	312	334	567	476	674	710	669	6,157
For Health	54	49	50	65	84	48	50	70	75	249	79	43	916
For Center Luncheons	122	137	101	152	152	129	119	138	130	153	90	181	1,604
First Center Visit	11	7	13	12	5	11	11	7	18	42	11	13	161
Total Nutrition (Incl. Ctr. Luncheons)	347	350	434	379	401	390	320	320	363	469	403	584	4,760
Pathfinder Congregate Meals	200	134	192	106	134	108	—	—	50	152	129	139	1,344
Meals on Wheels	25	79	141	121	115	153	201	182	183	164	184	264	1,812
Total Transportation (Incl. Pathfinder)	231	269	324	220	225	200	105	170	141	214	203	188	2,490
Shopping Transportation	21	29	34	36	32	30	38	60	17	30	36	31	394
Health Related Transp.	10	19	15	15	9	6	17	40	34	32	38	18	253
Activities (Regional Van)	—	49	83	63	50	56	50	70	40	—	—	—	461
Total Outreach Contacts	14	18	16	11	19	11	19	56	39	19	11	87	320
New Outreach Contacts	14	15	12	10	14	7	10	14	21	9	11	4	141
Information & Referrals	17	9	11	21	14	11	7	11	7	9	14	21	152
Home Care (Title XX) Referrals	—	—	—	—	1	1	0	3	1	1	0	0	7
Special Trips	37	—	21	40	32	40	—	27	34	35	—	39	305
Volunteers	27	21	19	26	31	10	17	19	18	34	23	20	265
Volunteer Hours	141	92	200	226	295	115	143	136	78	193	118	122	1,859

Respectfully submitted,
Louise Wadsworth
Clare Oberly

Band Building Committee

The Band Building Committee has held numerous meetings since its appointment in May 1976. Architects have been interviewed and Dobson Associates selected.

Lee Corneille has been of invaluable help in guiding the committee as to realistic present and future needs. On a budget of \$50,000 it has been most necessary to research every area where costs can be cut and yet have a quality structure that meets the requirements of stringent state laws.

A wing to the Jr., Sr. High School is most feasible since a free standing building would require bathroom facilities incurring additional expense. Plans for a 40'x60' addition with a 10' connecting corridor have been drawn up. A basement under the addition will provide much needed storage space.

The Selectmen and School Committee have reviewed the plans and given their approval to put the project out for bid. Pathfinder will be utilized in all areas in which they are qualified, thus resulting in considerable savings. Final cost figures will not be known until all bids are received.

Respectfully submitted,
Otto McClure, Chairman
Edward H. Parker, Vice Chairman
Mary S. Pratt, Secretary
Edward Gates
Neil McCann

Sewer Commission

The Belchertown Sewer Commission had a very active year in the nature of applying for federal and state grant monies. We had been on the priority lists for eligibility and finally got approval for 2 projects. The south Belchertown sewer system will be renewed, and a pump station installed. This effluent will be pumped across the river to Bondsville where it will be treated at the new Palmer waste water treatment plant. The center of town will be the site of another extensive engineering survey to design and put into operation a larger more adequate pipe line system to handle our increased burden.

Respectfully submitted,
Harry L. Brougham, Chmn.
Preston Atwood, Clerk
Ronald Blaine

Conservation Commission

During the year 1976, the conservation commission held 12 regular monthly meetings, 4 special meetings and made several on-site inspections relative to the wetlands protection act. One new member, Richard DeGraaf, was added to the commission. One hearing involving The Wetlands Protection Act was held on Sept. 9, 1976 File No. 104-15.

The role of the conservation commission lies in the protection, promotion and development of natural resources. The protection of wetland and watershed resources of our town has become a major concern of the commission since the establishment of the wetlands protection act in 1974. (Mass. general laws, chapter 131, section 40)

Townpeople should be aware that the purpose of the wetlands protection act is not to prevent development but purely and simply to protect our extremely valuable and already greatly diminished wetlands.

The wetlands protection act decrees that no person shall remove, fill, dredge or in any way alter the banks of any watercourse, however intermittent, or any wetland other than in the course of maintaining, repairing or replacing, but not substantially changing or enlarging an existing and lawfully located structure or facility used in the service of the public without filing written notice of his intention to so remove, fill, dredge or alter, including such plans as may be necessary to describe the proposed activity and its effect on the environment and without receiving and complying with an order of conditions and provided all appeal periods have elapsed.

The conservation commission requests all persons or groups considering the removal, filling, dredging or alteration of any wetland, body of water or watercourse in our town, however small, contact them for a determination of the applicability of the wetlands protection act.

If such proposed activity is found significant, the commission will request, as is required by law, that said person or persons file a notice of intent with the commission but only after all other permits, variances and approvals required by local law have been obtained. (A \$25.00 filing fee is required payable to the town.)

Copies of such notice shall be sent at the same time by certified mail to the Belchertown Conservation Commission (1 Copy) and the Mass. Dept. of Environmental Quality Engineering (3 Copies). The Dept. of Environmental Quality must designate a file number for such notice and shall send a notification of such

number to the applicant and to the conservation commission.

Within 21 days of the receipt of such notice, the conservation commission shall make a written determination of the applicability of the wetlands protection act and hold a public hearing on the proposed activity. Notice of the time and place of said hearing shall be given by the hearing authority at the expense of the applicant, not less than five days prior to such hearing, by publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the city or town where the activity is proposed and by mailing a notice to the applicant, to the board of health and the planning board of the town and to the department of environmental quality engineering. The conservation commission and its agents, officers and employees and the commissioner of natural resources and his agents and employees, may enter upon privately owned land for the purpose of performing their duties under this section.

If after said hearing, the conservation commission determines that the area on which the proposed work is to be done is significant to public or private water supply, to the groundwater supply, to flood control, to storm damage prevention, to prevention of pollution, to protection of land containing shellfish, or to the protection of fisheries, the conservation commission shall by written order within 21 days of such hearing impose such conditions as will contribute to the protection of the interests described herein, and all

work shall be done in accordance therewith. If the conservation commission makes a determination that the proposed activity does not require the imposition of such conditions, the applicant shall be notified of such determination within 21 days after said hearing. Such order or notification shall be signed by a majority of the conservation commission and a copy thereof shall be sent forthwith to the applicant and to the department of natural resources and the department of environmental quality engineering.

Sellers and purchasers of property and realtors in particular should be aware that any person who purchases, inherits or otherwise acquires real estate upon which work has been done in violation of the provisions of this section or in violation of any order issued under this section shall forthwith comply with any such order or restore such real estate to its condition prior to any such violation.

The conservation commission is aware that there are many areas other than wetland protection which it could and should be involved with. It requests that all concerned citizens and related organizations in our town make known to us their ideas and feelings relative to the protection, development, improvement and undestructive use of our town's natural resources for the betterment of our community as a good place to live.

Respectfully submitted,
Les Campbell, chairman pro tem

School Committee Report

In the year of the Equal Rights Amendment the School Committee came into vogue as the Town elected Sharon Chapman and Martha Barrett to join Dorothy Rhodes, Bill Russell and myself on the committee. This gave a clear edge to the ladies.

Maintenance activity in 1976 has been kept at a high level with the custodial staff doing an excellent job. The endeavors of several CETA employees combined effort and artistry to liven up many of our classrooms and utility areas. In cooperation with the Town a number of driveways and parking areas were resurfaced. In addition, the school system cooperated with the Selectmen in the utilization of town maintenance personnel to perform tasks that would normally be contracted. One task accomplished was the lowering and insulating of seven classroom ceilings in the Jr. Sr. High School. The CETA program will be continued to 1977 to assure efficient use of the maintenance personnel and provide competent assistance in out maintenance programs. Smoke detection devices are being installed at Franklin, Center, and Memorial Schools to provide early

warnings in the event of fire originating in furnace areas.

Space continues to be of concern in a number of areas. Badly needed additional parking space at Cold Spring School will now be possible as a result of additional land obtained by the Selectmen this year. If the trend of increased enrollment in the kindergarten continues additional classroom space will be needed within two or three years. Despite a valiant effort by the Band Building Committee the Jr. Sr. High School band building construction was not started. We continue to feel that this project should receive the Town's support. It will provide suitable quarters for the band members for practice and for storage of valuable equipment. A basement will provide badly needed storage space for athletic and other equipment. Equally as important, the present Music Assembly Room will be available for use by other groups in the school and community.

Increased involvement in Chapter 766 activity which provides for additional assistance to those with educational and other handicaps has resulted in staff

reorganization and additional personnel. We are watching this activity very carefully because of the tremendous potential for spending money inherent in this area of education. Our goal is to accomplish our legal commitments relative to this educational requirement in a manner that provides meaningful assistance to the children. At the same time, we must avoid being victimized either by parents who shun their own responsibility or by the State that burdens the School System with additional social welfare programs.

As a result of our extensive volunteer program, we have been receiving more parental feedback on various aspects of the school system. A parent advisory committee—active for several years in the elementary schools—has now been formed in the Jr. Sr. High School. We welcome this additional parental input and feel that it will result in improved school service to the students and community.

Respectfully submitted,
George A. Smith, Jr., Chairman
Belchertown School Committee

School Nurse Report

In 1976, the students health and immunization records were evaluated and brought up to date. Vision and hearing screening was performed on all of the students and referrals to private physicians were sent to parents.

Several immunization and detection clinics were held in conjunction with the Belchertown Board of Health. School employees and volunteers are required to have Mantoux tests before working with the students. I held three Mantoux clinics and tested eighty-nine people. A Lead Paint Poisoning detection clinic was held in April and forty-five children received the blood test. Immunization clinics against Polio, measles, mumps, german measles, and diphtheria, pertussis and tetanus were held in May, July, and September. A Swine Flu clinic was held for the townspeople and school employees in November with two hundred forty six attending. In May a pre-school screening was performed on one hundred thirteen incoming kindergarten students.

Heights and weights were taken and recorded on all K-4, 7th and 10th grade students. Pediculosis head checks were done on all elementary students periodically.

I was very fortunate to be connected with the U.Mass Nursing program for the Spring Term. Student Nurse interns conducted several classes on health and hygiene on different grade levels.



Physical exams were performed on all K, 4, 7, and 11 grades, and all students enrolled in a sports program at the Jr-Sr high level. Twenty-six referrals for further testing were sent home. Also, sixth grade students going to Camp Sargent, received a mini-physical.

Doing home assessments and participating in core evaluation under the Chapter 766 Law are demanding much more of my time. I work in each school daily, counseling parents and providing emergency care for accidents, appraising illnesses, and assessing the health status of the students.

Counseling students, parents and staff, serving as a liaison between the school community, and interpreter between education and medicine are some of the activities which keep me extremely busy throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted
Virginia Ayers, R.N.
School Nurse

Report of the Superintendent of Schools

To the Members of the School Committee & The Citizens of the Town.

Let us review the goals of the school administration which we feel have been met to some degree but which are the type of goals that are ongoing from year to year. Thus, we can never feel that these goals have been fully met because they must be strengthened every year.

Goal I: To make effective use of the evaluation process in the improvement of instruction.

Goal II: To prepare revised and strengthened K-12 curriculum goals and associated budget proposals.

Goal III: To humanize the teaching environment.

Goal IV: To communicate more effectively with staff/students/parents.

Goal V: To work with teachers and parents in innovating instructional programs.

Goal VI: To make staff aware of the implications of Chapter 766.

Goal VII: To accelerate the professional growth of the administrators.

If we relax our monitoring of any of these goals, we will lose sight of our over all objective which is to provide as far as possible an individualized instructional program for our students.

We would like to report on some of the programs which further our goals. This report is a statement to our citizens rendering an accounting of our responsibilities and the extent to which both short-term and long-term goals have been reached.

We have listed the elementary programs first and the secondary follows. You will notice the growth of enrollment at the elementary level. The secondary level has remained static.

BELCHERTOWN ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

(Center, Cold Spring, Franklin, Memorial)

The enrollment by grades in the Belchertown Elementary Schools is as follows: (as of December 23, 1976)

	Boys	Girls	Total
Grade K	80	60	140
Grade 1	52	54	106
Grade 2	43	64	107
Grade 3	54	48	102
Grade 4	46	48	94
Grade 5	39	38	77
Grade 6	50	68	118
	364	378	744

During the year 1976 the educational process of the elementary schools of Belchertown underwent several changes in a continuing effort to improve the elementary schools at all levels of instruction.

The emphasis is still on individualization of instruction whereby the focus of the educational process is on the individual child rather than on groups of children of the same age or grade level.

The philosophy of the Belchertown Elementary School System is a commitment to the development of the whole child according to each one's needs and unique learning styles. The educational process will focus itself on full respect for human worth and dignity.

The goals of the Belchertown Elementary Schools remain as in other years:

1. To accord dignity to the learner by respecting him as a person, by individualizing instruction in a manner which allows him to learn according to a style that fits his needs, abilities, and personal fulfillment.

2. To expand and advance the humane dimensions of all learners by the cultivation of spiritual, moral, and ethical values and attitudes.

3. To develop in each learner the basic skills needed for communication, perception, evaluation, and conceptualization of ideas. Among the most important are reading, writing, speaking, listening, visual and computational skills.

4. To provide each learner with varied opportunities to nurture interests, to discover and to develop natural talents, and to express values and feelings through various media.

5. To foster individual commitment to exercise the rights and responsibilities of group membership and to respect the rights of others. To provide each learner with knowledge and experience which contributes to sensitivity and understanding of human similarities and differences.

6. To encourage personal responsibility for mental and physical well being through hygiene, exercise, nutrition, safety, and proper use of drugs.

7. To provide each learner with knowledge and understanding for intelligent use of his environment.

INDIVIDUALLY GUIDED EDUCATION

I.G.E. stands for Individually Guided Education, a program which was implemented at the Cold Spring School during the school year 1975. I.G.E. has two major goals:

1. Self-improvement
2. Individualization of instruction

Individually Guided Education accepts non-graded schools, team teaching, multi-age grouping, differentiated staffing, and diagnostic-prescriptive teaching, not as innovations, but as the way schools ought to be organized.

I.G.E. is a comprehensive system designed to produce higher educational achievement by providing for differences among children in rate of learning, learning style, level of motivation, and other characteristics.

Cold Spring School is divided into three learning communities with each unit having responsibility for approximately 75-100 pupils. Each unit has 3 or 4 teachers and one unit leader. The multi unit organization at Cold Spring School is an instructional and administrative organization that enables educational decision making, open communication, and accountability to occur at appropriate levels. Within each unit of the school, the staff members plan, implement, and evaluate the instructional program of each child in that unit.

The Program Improvement Committee (P.I.C.) is the next step up in the multi unit school organization. It is composed of the principal and all the unit leaders; as such it is the link between the classroom and the administration. The P.I.C. works out the educational program for the whole building based on objectives defined in cooperation with unit staffs. P.I.C. members plan and coordinate their program with regard to school system policies. In-service activities also are planned and implemented by the P.I.C.

Specialists are brought in as needed to help the P.I.C. set up the curriculum, obtain materials, and deal with problems that require specialized knowledge.

READING

Developmental Reading

Wisconsin Design

Title III

Library

Remedial Reading

This year we have expanded our reading program with the addition of a basal series put out by Scott Foresman. The reason for this move was that the Belchertown teachers are always striving for individualization. It was obvious to them that children learn in different ways. It was agreed among them that while the Holt Rinehart series was excellent for many children it did not meet the needs of some of the students. These children were put into the new series where they are making great strides. The series has the approbation of both teachers and pupils.

All of our many plans for the improvement of the library at Cold Spring School have, unfortunately, been tabled for the present time. To make room for our

new pre-kindergarten class the library has been moved back to its former quarters. This area is very small. Partly because of the limited space and partly because it (the library) is used by the special math teacher for classes, we have curtailed our Volunteer Library Program. To substitute for this activity, classroom teachers have been encouraged to strengthen their own classroom libraries. They have been provided with \$150.00 each for this purpose.

The Wisconsin Design is proceeding with great success. A master-chart has the location of every child, in the elementary grades, with regard to the attainment of phonic skills. It was expected that we would expand this program to embrace the comprehension part of the Design. However, it was found that the area of the program dealing with comprehension will not be ready until February, 1977. At that time we will process into the region of comprehension in the Wisconsin Design.

A new program, Project ERIN, has been initiated in the Belchertown Schools. Early Recognition and Intervention network stresses, (as the name implies) the recognition, in an early grade, of pupils who are having difficulties. Mrs. Patricia Fuller and Mrs. Beverly Phaneuf with Mrs. Mildred White as coordinator, have entered the program. Each teacher has designated two children who have special needs. They have been evaluating these children with tests put out by the parent organization out of the Education Development Center in Newton, Massachusetts. After they finish with the testing, follow-up techniques, also supplied by ERIN, are employed.

For a variety of reasons, a number of children do not succeed in one or more phases of the developmental program. Because of this a comprehensive Remedial Reading Program is offered. The reading teacher appraises each child's specific weaknesses and learning abilities and based on this information an individualized program is planned for each child.

The individual program is continually evaluated to insure all students the best program available for their needs.

Each quarter a report is sent home to parents indicating specific goals and the progress made by the child.

IMS

The IMS (Individualized Mathematics System) is in its fourth year of use here. The major components of the program are the laminated skill folders the children work on. The children work independently and in small groups on the specific skills they need to learn. Parent volunteers continue to provide valuable assistance by helping to correct pre and post tests and many other related tasks. The classroom teachers also provide two days a week of drill and practice.

REMEDIAL MATH

The remedial math program is now in its fifth year of helping to improve computational skills among children having difficulty learning math. Children work in small groups with a variety of resource materials. Abstract concepts are more realistically presented through the use of various manipulative materials and games.

Through the use of manipulative materials, concepts can be presented in a more meaningful and realistic way to the child. Material and concepts the child has been able to understand have a much better chance of being remembered in this way.

SPECIAL NEEDS PROGRAM

Approximately 162 Belchertown students are receiving special services under Massachusetts Special Education Law, Chapter 766. Services include speech and hearing therapy, psychological therapy, and special programs in reading, math and perceptual motor training.

In addition, three pre-school children are enrolled in special developmental programs to help them prepare for integration into the regular school program.

Four students are enrolled in a special needs program designed to meet academic needs and training in vocational skills.

One student is enrolled in an Alternative High School program.

Effort is made in all cases to meet the educational needs of students within our regular school program. This is the intent of the law. However, in instances where the services are not practical to deliver through our local school system, programs are available through the Hampshire Educational Collaborative, of which Belchertown is a member, and The Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical School special needs programs.

Plans for the future include expanding local and collaborative services as well as to design a program to work more closely with parents and home environment.

ELEMENTARY GUIDANCE

Developmental Guidance is an integral and significant part of each child's academic and social development in and outside of the school setting. This year, the Elementary Guidance staff has introduced innovative programs to involve teachers and parents in developmental guidance. These programs are the 'Magic Circle' Human Development Program, 'Literature Discussion' groups, and the Systematic Training for Effective (STEP) program.

The 'Magic Circle' Human Development Program

provides an opportunity for pupils to express their ideas, develop a positive self-concept, and develop effective human relations skills. The program is being offered in both kindergartens and in two first-grade classrooms at Cold Spring School. Mr. Wayne S. Frieden, our Elementary School counselor, has assisted Mulberry Street teachers Mrs. Patricia Fuller, Ms. Sharon Overmyer, Mrs. Beverly Phaneuf, and Mrs. Mary Baltren in implementing the human development program.

Literature Discussion groups are held in the classroom and led by Mr. Frieden. Using children's literature as the stimulus for discussion, pupils explore topics relevant to their social development in and outside of the classroom setting. As in the 'Magic Circle', pupils are given an opportunity to express their ideas and learn from other peer-group members.

Both the 'Magic Circle' and the 'Literature Discussion' programs are geared to enhance the classroom climate and maximize the learning process.

A video-tape presentation and workshop on the 'Magic Circle' and the 'Literature Discussion' programs was held at Cold Spring School on December 23, 1976. The presenters were Mr. Wayne S. Frieden, Mrs. Marilyn Hayward, and Mrs. Beverly Phaneuf.

STEP is a program designed to help parents develop effective and open relationships with their children. Parents learn child-training principles and practices for raising responsible children who will grow into responsible men and women, capable of living meaningful, happy adult lives. STEP is for couples, one parent, and the single parent. The STEP program is sponsored co-jointly by the Elementary Guidance Office and the Elementary Parent Advisory Council (PAC).

Many parents have expressed their interest and enthusiasm for the STEP program. Future Parent Education/Discussion groups, and a Guidance Resource Library that would provide parents reading materials on Child Development and child-rearing practices are being planned. It is our hope that the STEP program will continue to actively involve the home with the school in the development of responsible and happy individuals.

TITLE I, ESEA

The major portion of Belchertown's Title I federal funds entitlement for 1976 supported, PROJECT ASSIST, the school year program providing tutorial and counseling services for selected pupils at each of Belchertown's elementary schools. A new component of PROJECT ASSIST was initiated in September, 1976 which provides an additional Kindergarten class for 15-18 pupils who require a small group learning environment in learning pre-requisite learning skills.

Mrs. Betsy Waterman was hired as a Title I teacher to direct this newly developed Title I component.

The remaining Title I funds were used to support, PROJECT PREPARE, the six week summer program for children of pre-school through grade 1 ages. Due to reduced funding PROJECT PREPARE will have to be eliminated indefinitely. We are hopeful that this program can be offered again at some point in the future.

SPEECH THERAPY

The Speech and Language program provides diagnostic and remedial services to children with auditory processing, language, articulation, fluency and hearing difficulties. This is carried out by direct therapy in conjunction with coordination with teachers and parents. The program also includes the screening of all incoming kindergarten children in the areas of speech and language. At present 57 children, including 2 preschoolers are receiving therapy. The program has been expanded this year to include the seventh grade. It is hoped that in the future the program will be available to the entire high school.

ELEMENTARY ART PROGRAM

The Belchertown Elementary Art Program provides the children with knowledge about the elements of design, coordinated art projects with the classroom curriculum, experience with a variety of art materials, and exposure to art work done by famous artists.

During the spring of 1976 the children exhibited their art work in a very successful art show. The old crafts of stenciling and metal tooling, as well as other projects, were exhibited by the children as part of our Bicentennial celebration.

In the fall of 1976 the art curriculum expanded to include clay and glazing with the addition of a new kiln.

Beginning in January of 1977, the children will begin preparing for an International Festival of the Arts to be presented to the public in the late spring. The Festival will be a cooperation effort among art, music, and physical education.

ELEMENTARY MUSIC PROGRAM

In 1976, the elementary music program had many highlights, beginning with various events to celebrate America's Bicentennial. The fifth and sixth grade Elementary Chorus performed with the High School Band in "A Saga of Western America." Franklin School children gave an integrated arts program in May, depicting a Colonial Day, and were asked to repeat this performance at the Senior Citizen Center. Also in the spring, Juniper Street, one learning com-

munity at Cold Spring School, dramatized life in an Old New England village and sang early American folk tunes.

In the fall of 1976, new music textbooks for the upper four elementary levels were purchased. These books from Silver Burdett Publishers are organized in basic music concept units and contain a wide variety of music activities for young people. Books are coordinated with records, tapes and individualized materials. Plans to replace lower level music books with these contemporary editions will be made for the coming year.

Performance and active participation in musical programs continued through the fall. Kindergarten classes caroled for the Senior Citizens in December, and first grade classes at Cold Spring prepared a show called "Holidays Around the World." The Elementary Chorus performed in a Christmas concert on December 17, 1976 with the Elementary Band. Future plans for the Chorus include a musical play for spring, 1977. An integrated arts program with an international theme is also in the planning stages for May or June and will involve all elementary children in art projects, folk dances, or musical performances.

ELEMENTARY INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM

The elementary band, numbering 30 members was quite active from January to June, 1976. The band marched for Memorial Day, played a short program for Memorial School's Bicentennial Day, and in the interest of a unified program throughout all grades, joined the high school band, elementary chorus, and elementary dance group to present "A Saga of Western Man" at Belchertown High School. The band also played a concert 'on-the-lawn' at Cold Spring School.

The elementary instrumental music program was able to expand in September when Miss Bennett was hired full-time for the elementary program alone. Students are now grouped by ability level and advanced students benefit by individualized learning prescriptions. Fifty seven students who began studying instruments this fall are progressing faster than previous years due to individualized instruction. The band numbers 40 musicians and won first prize for best marching unit in the Fair Day Parade.

Future plans include a third grade pre-instrumental program to be developed in January, 1977, a concert of solos and small group music by advanced students, and a joint concert with Belchertown High School Band in the spring.

ELEMENTARY PHYSICAL EDUCATION

The Bicentennial was the theme for most of last year's events. American Folk Dances and games were

played by many levels culminating in a Bicentennial Festival held at Franklin School in June.

Field days were held for the Fifth Avenue unit at Cold Spring and all of Center School. Everyone had a good time especially during the tugs-of-war and pie-eating contests.

The physical education program was greatly improved this year by the purchase of a full-sized trampoline as well as track and field equipment such as discus, shot-put and elementary hurdles.

This Spring's program includes field days for Memorial and Franklin School involving track and field and many Olympic events.

Also, the music, art, and physical education departments are combining to present an International Arts Festival. Dances, games, artforms and songs from around the world will be presented in a festival including all elementary levels.

SCIENCE

An innovative science program, the Science Curriculum Improvement Study (S.C.I.S.) began its sixth year of successful operation. The program is laboratory oriented and employs scientific inquiry. S.C.I.S. is one of only two elementary school science programs to be given the rating of excellent by the Massachusetts Association of Science Supervisors.

SOCIAL STUDIES

Modern, relevant and innovative social studies programs are being carried on at all levels with Family of Man-A University of Minnesota Social Studies Project in grades 1-4, "Man-A course of Study" taught in grade five and "People and Technology" taught in grade six.

INTRAMURAL SPORTS AT MEMORIAL

The intramural sports program was very successful during 1976. The program provides instruction and competition for all boys and girls in grades five and six who wish to participate. Included among the sports are basketball, softball, soccer, touch football and kickball.

INTERNS

Belchertown teachers have demonstrated their interest in the future of their profession by continuing to train teachers from the University of Massachusetts and Westfield State College. Student interns did their student teaching at Cold Spring School and Memorial Schools during the Fall of 1976.

STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL AT MEMORIAL

A student advisory council began its third year of operation. The eight member committee was elected by their fellow classmates at Memorial School. The purpose of the council is to make recommendations to their advisor for improving the welfare of the pupils.

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

A Parent Advisory Council was set up by the principal three years ago to meet regularly with him to provide two-way communication between the school administration and parents. The Belchertown School Volunteer group is a member of the National School Volunteers Association.

SCHOOL VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

The volunteer program placed 142 volunteers within the four elementary schools during the year. The volunteers gave a total of 4,236 1/2 hours at the end of the 1976 school year. Twenty two classroom teachers and five specialists utilized volunteers.

The program consisted of 7 specific areas of service:

1. Classroom Volunteers
2. Substitute Volunteers
3. Community Resource Volunteers (Enrichment)
4. Room Chaperones
5. Parent Advisory Councils (Elementary P.A.C. and Title I P.A.C.)
6. Babysitting (at home for volunteer's children)
7. Miscellaneous Volunteers (Volunteers who did clerical work for the Volunteer Program, worked on the I.M.S. cart, etc.)

A general Math workshop with I.M.S. specifics was offered this year to all volunteers, and as an outcome, a three page handbook of math symbols and I.M.S. terms was compiled by the Volunteer Office and Mr. Setkewitch, the Instructor of the course.

Throughout the year the Coordinator of Volunteers and several volunteers have taken part in workshops at the Department of Education Regional Office in West Boylston and because of this contact have been instrumental in introducing Belchertown's Volunteer Program to other communities in Western Massachusetts along with observations of the other 50 volunteer programs in Massachusetts.

In December, five volunteers offered to help at the Jr.-Sr. High School taping segments of classroom text to be used for the Optimum Interaction Learning Lab.

The Volunteer Program has been instrumental in arranging field experiences for twenty-two Pathfinder Regional Vocational High Health students and University of Mass. "Explorations Program" students.

Having relatives of students involved in education results in school becoming a part of family life rather

than an island where the child goes for so many hours each day.

Having the community involved in education results in a better understanding of the needs of our schools and shows the children that their education is relevant to the whole community.

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

During American Education Week in November Parent-Teacher Conferences were scheduled in grades K-6. The conferences were a success with over 93% of the parents in attendance.

ASSEMBLY PROGRAMS

The school children of Belchertown presented several enjoyable educational assembly programs during 1976. Among the several programs were: a Bicentennial tree planting ceremony at Franklin School, a Colonial Day and Bicentennial tree planting ceremony at Memorial School, a traffic safety program conducted by the Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles at all four elementary schools, a Bicentennial Music Program featuring the Memorial School Chorus, Band and Drama Club in May, an Elementary Art Exhibit in May, a Memorial Day Program, a band concert held in June and a Bicentennial Play presented by the first, second and third grades at Cold Spring School.

EDUCATIONAL FIELD TRIPS

Educational field trips were continued during 1976 for all grades. In May of 1976 over 75 sixth grade pupils attended Camp Sargent in Peterborough, New Hampshire for one week. Some other field trips taken were to Quabbin Reservoir, Snow's Poultry Farm and Forest Park Zoo by the kindergarten classes, to a one room school house, to Quabbin Reservoir, and to a Bicentennial play "Young Abe Lincoln" in West Springfield. Grades 1, 2 and 3 visited historic Old Deerfield. Grades 3 and 4 visited the Storowton Village Museum and Worcester Science Museum. Grade five visited the New England Aquarium and the Science Museum and the Bicentennial Exhibit at Faneuil Hall. Grade six attended the Youth Concert in Springfield and the Bicentennial Exhibit at Faneuil Hall in Boston.

BELCHERTOWN JR. SR. HIGH SCHOOL BUSINESS DEPARTMENT

The Business Department curriculum meets the needs of students by providing them with an understanding of organization, functions, methods, and social significance of our American system of business enterprise. Students are given opportunity to acquire proficiency in a skill and to develop the necessary qualifications for initial employment in stores, offices, or other business concerns and for personal use.

Secretarial, accounting, and basic business subjects are offered to prepare students for entrance into business careers, for rendering efficient service in their careers, and for advancement to higher levels within their careers.

The curriculum comprises those aspects of business, either immediately upon the completion of a particular program of study in high school or after a period of additional study at college.

The Distributive Education program provides a student who has an outside job the opportunity to earn 5 additional credits. The student is evaluated by the Distributive Education instructor and the employer. Specific competencies and business procedures are merged in simulated or real business experiences that bridge the gap between school and work. Houston House simulation is used in the Distributive Education class. The simulation revolves around a wholesale merchandising business with a small retail store. Students who participate in the Houston House simulation will develop and apply a wide range of marketable skills, acquire a broad range of occupational experiences by rotating through different and varied positions, undergo realistic patterns of interaction with one another, and develop the personal traits and human relations skills that are necessary for success in any occupation.

Taking dictation and transcribing notes—an essential skill in several career areas—is going through a revolution. To meet the needs of the students, the advanced shorthand curriculum has been revised and now provides a student with the opportunity to select one or more of the curricula offered: Advanced Stenography, Machine Shorthand, and Work Processing. **Advanced Shorthand** is the fusion of the principles of Shorthand theory, typing skills, and English punctuation, spelling, and grammar for the purpose of producing mailable letters, correspondence, and other office applications. **Machine Shorthand** utilizes the Stenograph shorthand machine, a modern, lightweight, keyboard machine for taking shorthand. The machine is being used in a rapidly increasing number of offices. Touch Shorthand secretaries find there is no mechanical or system limitation on the speed and accuracy they can attain. As a result, progressive businessmen welcome secretaries; executive secretaries, medical, legal and technical secretaries who use the efficient Touch Shorthand system. Machine Shorthand also opens up the career of court reporting. The **Word Processing** curriculum places emphasis on written communication skills, including proofreading, punctuation, good English grammar and spelling; typewriting and machine transcription. It concentrates on the subject area rated of prime importance for an entry level position as a correspondence secretary.

During the past year Miss Fitzgerald, Mrs. Kubacki,

and Mr. White have attended seminars and workshops in the business field.

To make the classroom learning more effective and realistic, the business students have made several field trips to varied destinations. Mrs. Jane Kubacki has visited the Eastern Hampden District Court and the Hampden Superior Court with the Business Law class. The Secretarial Training and Office Procedures class, accompanied by Miss Madeline Fitzgerald, visited the IBM office, Bay State Medical Center and Springfield Technical Community College. The Distributive Education class, accompanied by Mr. William White, participated in a career day at Holyoke Community College and visited various departments of industrial corporations.



SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

In 1976, the Science department placed increased emphasis on the human origin of science with the understanding that scientific knowledge is tentative, subject to change as new evidence accumulates.

Local field trips provided opportunities for students to investigate biotic and abiotic factors that contribute to the delicate balance that exists between man and his environment.

Ninth grade Earth Science classes attended a lecture at the Amherst College Planetarium. A trip to Montgomery Rose Company in Hadley provided for a group of tenth grade Biology students first hand information about the commercial production of long stem roses, grown under artificial lights. A fascinating tour through the greenhouses presented further ideas for jobs and careers in industry.

Junior High classes were laboratory oriented as students worked in teams of two in small groups, investigating the Physical sciences. Modules in Life Education were implemented in grades seven and eight.

Electives were popular choices for upper classmen with many Juniors and Seniors taking two courses in one half year term.

Additional class periods each week provided extra laboratory time for students enrolled in Physics, Chemistry, and Biology. All science classes stressed the importance of acquiring basic skills in laboratory technique.

Project SHRUB, Phase III provided an opportunity for "learning through doing" as Biology students embarked upon a large scale ecology project to improve the appearance of the grounds at the high school. They literally dug in and cleared a wide strip of land between the building and the driveway in preparation for sixty shrubs which were somehow planted before graduation.

MATHEMATICS DEPARTMENT

For the third year in succession, the summer workshop for Mathematics teachers has proven to be a valuable experience in communication. As in the past, the workshop was attended by two elementary and two secondary teachers. The participants were: Donald Moran, Gerald Nathanson, David Rainaud, and Rodney Setkewich.

At the secondary level, the program continues to reflect the current trend in which the prime emphasis is on the methods of mathematics, while the structure of the mathematical system receives less attention.

The staff has continued its efforts to offer alternatives to students, the objective being to provide learning activities commensurate with the grade and capability of the student.

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

The Departmental Comprehensive Testing Program that was administered last year continues this year. This test is quite informative and indicates that the gradual transition of less High School elective English to that English which deals with proper speech and writing has had a positive effect. To this end, English III will be back in the curriculum as Junior English for all students in the High School.

The comprehensive writing program including bi-monthly penmanship practice (Rinehart Handwriting System) remains constructive and will be continued. The new Reading courses added to the High School Program of Studies are well attended and will be expanded for next year.

New this year for the Junior High School is a multi-level Reading and Vocabulary appreciation program. Briefly, each Junior High School student was administered the Stanford Diagnostic Reading Comprehension Test and after test results were evaluated, individual Reading tests with accompanying vocabulary workbooks were assigned. Each student will be re-evaluated in May and all students will meet with their respective Reading Teacher to evaluate growth.

Educational field trips continue, the latest trip to Stage West where a large group of students enjoyed "You Can't Take It With You."

SOCIAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT

The Social Studies Department completed its role in the celebration of the nation's Bicentennial observation this year. The Colonial Fair held in November was once again successful in involving large numbers of students in learning about colonial America. Early in the fall we visited Old Sturbridge Village and made a trip to various Boston 200 activities.

Mr. Bresnahan in conjunction with Mr. Cicero of the Art Department developed a Bicentennial activities book that was published by the Belchertown Bicentennial Commission. It was distributed to all elementary school students for the purpose of increasing their knowledge of our country's rich cultural background.

A Title III grant was obtained to develop an interdisciplinary environmental awareness program with the Music and Art Departments. In addition, a new course entitled Career Awareness was introduced to a different group of eighth grade students each quarter this year.

FOREIGN LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT

The Foreign Language Department offered three languages in 1976; French, Spanish, and Latin. Latin II was added to the program of studies as a result of student interest.

French and Spanish continue to incorporate visual, auditory and verbal methods with Latin retaining the traditional structural style.

A Foreign Language Fair in the spring provided both participants and spectators an opportunity to observe and indulge in the handcrafts, dances and culinary specialties indigenous to the countries.

HOME ECONOMICS DEPARTMENT

The Home Economics Department offers a selection of courses for high school students which ranges from a full year introductory course to semester courses in child care, family, nutrition and food, and stitchery. Emphasis is on education of the individual for bachelor and family life. All courses are open to male and female students.

All junior high students enroll in an eight week traditional program. Seventh graders learn to construct a simple garment using the sewing machine. Eighth grade students study meal management and nutrition, learning to prepare simple, balanced meals.

ART DEPARTMENT

The art program has continued to provide various course offerings needed to meet individual student

needs. Within the classroom the student has the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational experiences in both 2-dimensional and 3-dimensional creative skills and thought processes. The art students contribute to many schoolwide activities sponsored by various clubs and organizations.

The camera club enhances the art program by giving the student the opportunity to broaden his awareness of the visual arts as well as helping to develop a rewarding hobby.

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

The Music Department in the Jr. Sr. High School provides its students with a wide range of quality instruction and performance opportunities. Five student musicians earned seats in the Western Mass. District Band, one was selected for the District Chorus, one plays with the Pioneer Valley Symphony Orchestra and the Springfield Youth Symphony Orchestra, one is a regular member of the New England Youth Wind Ensemble which will tour Europe this Spring (a first for a Belchertown Musician). Three students were recommended for All-State Band and Chorus which attests to the quality of education made available by the school system. Several students are presently pursuing music studies leading to music as a vocation. One student has been accepted in the relatively new and unique field of Music Therapy. There are currently eleven former students involved as music majors or minors in leading under-graduate colleges in Massachusetts and Connecticut. Two more have been accepted by outstanding schools for the 1977-78 school years.

The Jr. Sr. High School and Elementary Band participated in Veteran's Day, Halloween Rag Shag, Memorial Day and the Northampton Bicentennial parades and continues to serve as the leading musical unit for various school and community activities.

The Band went on tour this year to Laconia, New Hampshire and participated in a series of concerts and assemblies with the Laconia High School Band. In return Belchertown hosted Laconia culminating in a concert on the common which was attended by the largest audience ever held by either organization. The Music Department, in cooperation with the school committee and administration was successful in obtaining another Federal Grant which enabled the purchase of various electronic synthesizer and recording equipment designed to further the music process in the school.

For those students who express a special interest in music there are courses offered in theory, harmony, and composition. Selected music subjects are also available on an approved independent study level.

The instrumental music portion of the department has again reached a percentage of the total student body that exceeds the national average for this size

system. There are currently ninety-six Elementary students involved in instrumental music, thirty-seven musicians in the Jr. Sr. High School plus ten majorettes and a drum major.

A successful "pit band" performed in accompaniment to the Senior play "You're A Good Man Charlie Brown." This is a first for our students and further testimony to their versatility and attitude.

Our school music program is designed to help the individual develop a sensitivity to the aesthetic values in music and to initiate and broaden an understanding of music through group participation. Our primary objective is one of aesthetic education and the development of aural intelligence with resultant community entertainment.

HUMANITIES CLUB

"We're willing to help" has become a well known theme in Belchertown this year due to the efforts of the high school Humanities Club.

Over 800 pair of eyeglasses have been collected from our community for needy people throughout our nation due to the efforts of the club and our local banks. Food, clothing and money were gathered for the earthquake victims of Guatemala and the drought plague of Africa resulting in a special commendation from both C.A.R.E. and U.N.I.C.E.F. organizations.

During the Bicentennial year the club assisted both the Belchertown Council of Service Organizations and Bicentennial Commission in their various efforts to celebrate our nation's 200th birthday.

The Holiday Season brought on a new spirit of giving; the club's Thanksgiving baskets and Toys for Joy campaign reached a record high this year. Many families and especially the children of Belchertown enjoyed a very special Christmas in 1976.

A new twist to the Club's endeavors was the creation of mini-workshops in which wooden toys, stuffed animals, and colonial games were created by the students to be sold on the common during the town's annual spring Crafts Fair.

The Spring also saw the club's week long Ecology Awareness Program with Slides, Film, and Environmental workshops. This year the students produced a valuable ecology booklet which was distributed to students and residents of our community.

Willingness to help and concern for one's school and community created a new sense of pride for the Humanities Club and in turn their contribution to our nation's 200th Birthday Celebration.

LIBRARY

The school library is a place for quiet learning, and enjoyment, where students can become expert in using materials. Library circulation and attendance have increased this year at the Junior-Senior High School.

An intense effort has been made to teach students research skills. Individual classes have attended workshops on information retrieval techniques. These sessions have been most successful, and have helped answer the student's question "Where can I find this information?"

The orientation program, initiated last year, continues to introduce Junior High students to the world of books.

Two proposals for government grants were written this year. The proposals were approved and our library was awarded funds under both Title II, and Title IVB. These monies will improve and expand both the Social Science and Humanities collections.

According to circulation statistics, leisure reading has increased. Fiction, and recreation books, in such areas as sports, dance, cooking, crafts, plant care, etc., are very popular. These statistics definitely reflect an important aspect of the library—enjoyment.

AUDIO-VISUAL DEPARTMENT

The audio-visual department continues to provide the classroom teacher with media equipment. Through the use of slides, films, film-strips, tapes, videotapes, records, etc., the teacher is able to add dimension and enrichment to the syllabus. Media is an extremely effective teaching tool. Video tape recording is a part of the new media. With our VTR system students are able to tape school as well as community events. The senior class play, "You're A Good Man Charlie Brown," as well as the Colonial Fair, and all the varsity basketball games were recorded. With this equipment the faculty and students can benefit from the Massachusetts Educational Television broadcasts. MET is responsible for the production of over 50 instructional programs designed for classroom use for grades K—12. These programs are broadcast through the facilities of WGBY-TV Channel 57, in Springfield from 10:00 a.m.-3p.m. week days throughout the school year. We have initiated a video tape exchange and transcription program with other local schools. This has substantially increased our tape inventory at minimal cost.

Through media resources we are able to extend the classroom, and make learning come alive.

INDUSTRIAL ARTS DEPARTMENT

The Industrial Arts program at Belchertown Jr. Sr. High School has been enjoying the co-educational experiences at both the Junior High and Senior High levels. The general acceptance by both girls and boys in an integrated situation has developed into a more competitive situation and one of a positive nature.

Because of the large class sizes in grades 7-8, the students have been divided into five sections with each group having an eight week period of this program, which is a minimal amount of time in this area to

encompass the amount of learning experiences available.

However, grade seven is introduced to the basic shop safety procedures and the mechanical use of hand tools used in woodworking. The eighth graders, on a mini-scale of time are exposed to an experience in home building. This program has been accepted with enthusiasm in most cases.

The Senior High program has seen an increase in course offerings: Skills in Plastics, Wood-working, Furniture, Silk Screening, Metal working, Sign-making, and on a limited basis, Welding.

Related areas to this program which are offered include Shop Math, Mechanical Drawing, and Technical Drawing. All offerings are being directed towards the occupational needs of today's graduates.

REMEDIAL READING

Juniors and Seniors are able to take a Remedial Reading course if there is need, this carries academic credit. This enables them to get remedial help that they would have otherwise had to forego. In cooperation with content area teachers programs are planned to help these students having reading difficulty. Also, in cases where one to one help is indicated tutorial help is available.

STUDENT ACTION FOR EDUCATION

This club was formerly known as the Future Teachers of America. Its new title reflects the increased interest in other areas besides teaching. Some of its concerns are school government, community-school projects, politics, specialized schools, careers and college opportunities.

Although this group is small it has increased in the last few years to three times its original number. Last June it awarded seven Scholarships of seventy-five dollars each.

STUDENT COUNCIL

The Student Council in 1976 sponsored several school assemblies in the area of fine arts. They organized a trip to the Eastern States Exposition in September involving three hundred students. The Council also was responsible for a pep rally at the beginning of basketball season, operation of the bookstore, all school elections and parking during Fair Day which will be used to fund Scholarships at graduation.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

The physical education program in grades 7-12 is undergoing dramatic change. The previously segregated boy, girl programs are now moving toward a co-educational elective program consisting of activities designed to meet the needs of the student body in compliance with state law Chapter 622.

Physical fitness, motor skill development, social development, and appreciation and knowledge of various athletic skills remain the basic goals of the physical education program. Emphasis is placed on beginning skills in grades 7-9 with intermediate and advanced skills in 10-12.

ATHLETICS

The athletic program at the Junior-Senior High School continues to be the most popular extra-curricular activity available to the student body. The number of participants continues to grow, making it more urgent than ever to provide junior high teams for the following sports: soccer, field hockey, baseball, and softball.

The girls' field hockey team, sporting new uniforms, played their home games for the first time on their new field at the high school. Next year the girls will compete in the newly formed Bi-County League in basketball and softball. Maureen Neil was named to the Bi-County League All-Star Team in basketball.

The boys competed in the Bi-County League in baseball, basketball, and soccer; and in the Western Mass. Cross Country League. Track and indoor hockey were offered on an informal basis. The hockey team won the 2nd Annual Hopkins Invitational Tournament.

Dale Adams was named to the Bi-County League All Star Team in baseball and Greg Coache to the Basketball and soccer All-Star teams.

The past year the high school baseball diamond was resurfaced and was in the best condition ever, prompting positive comments from visiting coaches and players. A consistent program of maintenance would go a long way in keeping it in good condition.

The Annual Sports Awards Banquet was held at Conti's Restaurant and was felt by many to have been the best one to date. All varsity athletes and cheerleaders were honored. Named most valuable in their respective sports were: Greg Coache, soccer; Greg Coache, basketball; Steven Scott, baseball; Beth Canedy, Field Hockey; Maureen Neil, basketball, Carol Kajka, softball. The Athletic Council trophies were awarded to Peter Adzima and Brenda Whitlock.

HONOR BESTOWED '76

Beth Canedy received the honor of becoming Belchertown's first girl in the physical education department to get into "Who's Who Among American High School Students" - Top Athlete plus National Honor Society Student.

MODERN DANCE CLUB

The Modern Dance Club of B.H.S. presented its 10th Annual Spring Concert entitled "Celebration." Its theme was in tribute to the Bicentennial year.

SENIOR PLAY

The Senior Class of 1977 presented "You're a Good Man Charlie Brown" on December 10, 11 to capacity audiences. This lively musical involved many students in various aspects of play production, providing fine entertainment for the school and the community. For the members of our drama class, it was a valuable educational learning experience.

The play was directed by Mr. Herman Bowden, of the elementary school staff, to whom we express a sincere thank you for a job well done.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

The ninth annual induction of the Arestos Chapter of the National Honor Society was held on Thursday, March 18, 1976. Sixteen new members were inducted into the Society. The principal address was given by Mr. Robert Hansbury, Chairman, Social Studies Department at Belchertown Jr. Sr. High School.

Miss Arlene Amprimo was chosen to represent Belchertown Jr. Sr. High School as the school's D.A.R. Good Citizen for 1976.

Miss Gretchen Neggers was the winner of the annual Betty Crocker Homemaker of the Year Award.

Miss Mary-Jane Russell won the National Arion Foundation Award for excellence in Music, Scholarship and Service.

The annual Senior Class trip went to Pennsylvania-Dutch country and toured Gettysburg, Amish farmlands and other historical sites during the Spring vacation.

The Gold Hammer Award for excellence in Industrial Arts was won by Theresa Savini.

The Belchertown Jr. Sr. High School Citizen of the Year was Gregory Dillard.

The Senior Class of 1976 inaugurated the school's first semi-formal Candy Cane Ball which was a tremendous success.

The 105th Commencement of Belchertown Jr. Sr. High School has several formal features depicting our nation's bicentennial celebration.

GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

January, 1976, again saw Seniors looking ahead to a difficult job market and higher costs for education. For those Seniors not planning to continue their formal education the job market remains very tight and perhaps a little more difficult than one year ago. For those Seniors planning to continue their education there is the ever increasing cost of that education. Several Seniors are considering the Armed Forces as an alternative to both problems.

This year we have only fourteen Seniors on Work Study as compared to twenty-eight last year in January. We are always looking for part-time positions for our students.

Statistics for the Class of 1976

53% went on to higher education

27% went on to full-time employment

15% were undecided at time of graduation

5% entered the Armed Forces

Scholarships awarded at graduation:

The Belchertown Registered Nurses Association—Elizabeth Wadsworth

The Belchertown Teachers Association—Susan Henrichon, Linda English, Trudy Czupkiewicz, Theresa Savini, Gregory Dillard, Dale Strange

The Steeple Memorial—William Riedel

The Chauncey D. Walker Legion Auxiliary—Susan Henrichon, Ronald Loftus, Pamela Mallard, Dale Strange

The Holland Family Award—Gregory Dillard

The Lions Club—Susan Henrichon, Gregory Dillard

The Student Council—Arlene Amprimo, Dale Strange

The Lt. Michael P. Austin Memorial Awards—Peter Adzima, Liz Opalenik

The Walter L. Papp—Terry Savini

The Louis A. Shumway Memorial—David Place

The Mary Judkins Memorial—Trudy Czupkiewicz

The V.F.W. Post #8428—Rachel Gallerani

The V.F.W. Ladies Auxiliary—Gretchen Neggers

The Student Action for Education—Arlene Amprimo, Gregory Dillard, Susan Henrichon, Ronald Loftus, Pamela Mallard, Jeffrey Moreau, Dale Strange

The Mary Lane Hospital—Elizabeth Wadsworth

The National Honor Society—Dale Strange

The Richard D. Pratt Memorial—Susan Staples

The Robert C. Morey Athletic Memorial—Gregory Coache

American Legion Auxiliary District #2—Pamela Mallard

Massachusetts Secondary School Principals Association—Gretchen Neggers

In actual dollar value we realized \$3,285.00 from all scholarships.

The 105th Commencement of Belchertown High School was held on June 3, 1976 in the school gymnasium. The Class Salutatorian was Gretchen Neggers and the Valedictorian was William Riedel. The 1976 graduates were as follows:

Dale Robert Adams	Michael Thomas Carr
Peter John Adzima, Jr.	William Wade Carroll
Arlene Mary Amprimo	Patricia Marie Chambers
Joseph Gerald Austin	Laurie Ann Clark
Debra Jean Bodytko	Gregory Matthew Coache
Jeanmarie Helen Bodzinski	Mary Ellen Cook
Lynn Ann Bronner	Trudy Marie Czupkiewicz
Thomas George Brown	Gregory R. Dillard

Laura Jean Dunbar	Gretchen Elizabeth Neggers
Linda Kay English	Maureen Elizabeth Neill
John Francis Ferris	Michelle Lisa Niejadlik
Guy Edward Fitzgerald	Elizabeth Cecilia Marie
Charles Richard Frangakis	Opalenik
Rachel Marie Gallerani	Pamela Sue Owen
Susan Jean Henrichon	Richard Edward Perkins
Walter James Henry, Jr.	Kenneth Paul Phoenix
Donna Jane Hess	Joanne Pinkos
Kenneth Irving Hislop	David Alan Place
Robert Brian Hutchinson	Dorothy Elizabeth Poole
Laura Jean Jackson	Joseph John Rebello, Jr.
Thomas Raymond Johnston	William Robert Riedel
Heidi Lillian Krause	Theresa Mary Savani
Paula Marie LaPointe	Alan Curtis Scott
Marie Ann Leclerc	Steven Aime Scott
Laurie Anne Loftus	Brian Lloyd Smith
Christina Anne Madden	Susan Ruth Staples
Carla Elizabeth Mallard	Dale Bryan Strange
Pamela Joan Mallard	Francis Hector Tetrault
Mark Anthony McCullough	Elizabeth Anne Wadsworth
Jeffrey Michael Moreau	Anna Cecelia Wall

Mr. King and Mr. Waddell continued the 7th Grade values awareness program. The program attempts to achieve the following goals: 1-to have the students develop a better awareness of self; 2-to develop a more positive self-image; and 3-to have the students become aware of common likenesses as well as differences among their peers. The Eighth Graders are having a career awareness program provided for them by Mr. White. Career information is provided through films, filmstrips and booklets. Trips are taken to Pathfinder and guest speakers on arrangement are also part of their program.

ENRICHMENT CENTER

Over the past twelve months, the Enrichment Center has been working with approximately forty students who have been referred by Chapter 766. The majority of students are in the seventh and eighth grades. The center also works with a few high school students.

The Enrichment Center is functioning as a resource room providing supplementary help to special needs students while keeping them in the mainstream of education. Our main thrust has been to monitor students throughout the whole day and to provide services of the normal class when necessary. We are trying to provide supportive services rather than crisis intervention. The methods that are being employed are: counseling (group and individual), tutoring, small group work and going into the regular class to help teachers with special needs students.

OPTIMUM INTERACTION LEARNING LAB

The Lab was completed in January and students were scheduled into the lab in February. Designed to help students with basic skill learning and develop-

ment needs, the Lab works individually with each student on a program specifically designed to his needs. The Lab is operated by Mrs. Donna Petitt and is available to all grade levels with heavy emphasis on grades 7, 8, and 9. The Lab, along with the Enrichment Center and Remedial Reading Program, is able to provide considerable help to any and all students, especially those with special needs.

The costs of providing quality education continue to rise. Inflation has not come to an end as far as school costs are concerned. We have tried to hold the line where office and school supplies and textbooks are concerned. However, salaries, utilities, and building maintenance has increased steadily as well as the ever increasing demands to provide services for children with special needs under the state-mandated Chapter 766. We must also provide funds for the evaluation of the Jr. Sr. High School which takes place every ten (10) years. November, 1977 is the tenth anniversary of our last evaluation.

Let us pray that the Governor means it when he says that the legislature will not mandate further programs unless all costs are provided by the Commonwealth. However, even this promise is not too helpful. First of all the Governor can't control the recklessness of our legislative members and secondly the legislature may vote to provide the costs but then it takes the money from another program—a case of "Rob Peter to Pay Paul." Chapter 766 is a good example—the reimbursements have been excellent but the money is being taken from Chapter 70 funds.



School Financial Report

Our proposed School Budget for fiscal 1978 is as follows:

	FY 1977	FY 1978	% Increase
1000—Administration	\$ 41,936.	\$ 43,653.	4%
1000—Out of State Travel	200.	200.	
2000—Instruction	1,189,229.	1,225,195.	6%
2000—Out of State Travel	1,790.	1,752.	
3000—Other School Services	161,509.	167,350.	3.6%
4000—Operation & Maintenance	258,453.	306,570.	18.6%
7000—Fixed Assets	0	37,844.	
9000—Programs w/Other Schools	40,740.	42,860.	5%
	\$ 1,686,857.	\$ 1,855,424.	

Respectfully submitted,
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Superintendent of Schools

Pathfinder Regional School Committee

The Pathfinder Regional Vocational-Technical High School District Committee is pleased to present the following report to the citizens of Belchertown, Monson, New Braintree, and Palmer for the 1976 calendar year. David A. Staples of Belchertown continued as chairman of the Committee which included new members Marceline Matrow of Monson and Floyd Romanik, Jr., of Palmer.

The professional staff numbered 53 persons including two on leaves of absence. New to the school this year were Assistant Superintendent-Director Thomas Casiello and fourteen teachers. The Committee is pleased to note that these persons, as well as returning staff members are approved by the Department of Education for teaching in a state-aided vocational school.

The curriculum continued to include ten vocational areas with enrollments as shown below as of October, 1976:

Program	Grade 9	10	11	12	PG
Agribusiness	9	14	12	9	
Automotive Mechanics	13	15	13	16	
Carpentry	13	13	12	21	
Clothing	9	7	12	4	
Cosmetology			10	7	8
Culinary Arts	10	13	11	10	
Drafting	6	5	10	7	
Electricity	13	16	16	13	
Health	7	13	9	7	
Machine Shop	12	13	14	9	

A new program in home economics was developed for ninth and tenth grade students enrolled in cosmetology, clothing, and health services. A new elective course in metallurgy was developed and offered for the first time to the appropriate shops. Notable among other curriculum advances has been the introduction of the first house building program, and restoration projects. Included under these efforts were the construction of a lumber storage barn on school grounds, the renovation of apartments in Belchertown, the roofing of a Monson Cemetery Commission building, the construction of a 2-car garage in Palmer, and renovation to buildings at Monson State Hospital.

Although no cooperative education director has been selected, several students are enrolled in the alternating program of paid employment and academic study under Mr. Casiello's supervision. This program will be expanded as necessary. As an added concern in the area of curriculum, the Committee authorized the completion of an employment needs survey of the region in an effort to update all course offerings.

Over \$300,000 in federal grants during the year enabled the school to offer a vocational training program in 5 areas under CETA and to initiate the spectacularly successful senior citizen lunch program. Assistance was also rendered in submitting proposals for vehicles to enable the senior citizens organization to provide increased services to their membership.

Pathfinder's efforts to provide vocational

programming for handicapped students also benefited from these monies. A nationwide first was achieved when the school began to accomodate students from Belchertown State School and Monson State Hospital in the highly successful Project GROW. The school's own special education program was strengthened by the receipt of a grant of \$17,380 for the addition of a Diagnostic Prescriptive Teacher in the shop areas and for the implementation of in-service courses to the vocational instructors.

Finally, federal monies enabled the workstudy program for students to continue and made it possible for in-depth curriculum revision in several areas to take place over the summer in cooperation with neighboring vocational schools.

Evening occupational programs at Pathfinder continued to be popular with residents of the district. Two hundred forty-eight adults were enrolled in 13 programs in the fall of 1976. The Committee has evidence however, that new course offerings might be more attractive to our citizens and have called for a comprehensive survey of the region to be completed in the spring during which time courses will be suspended to allow for maximum effective planning time.

Recognizing the increasing need to provide vocational education to students who do not now have access, the Committee cooperated with the Hampshire Educational collaborative to introduce a satellite program in culinary arts in the town of South Hadley and has recently authorized the beginning of an electronics program in which Pathfinder students may enroll in cooperation with South Hadley Public Schools. The Committee is presently planning similar ventures with area towns to be implemented next year.

New federal and state legislation relating to equal access and non-discrimination in both employment and educational opportunities placed additional requirements on Pathfinder. Mrs. Angela Bergeron coordinates these efforts and activities and completed the school's compliance plan under Chapter 622 which was approved by the school committee and the Department of Education in December.

The result of the school's efforts were once again seen at graduation time when 83 students received diplomas and vocational certificates. Over 50 of these students found employment, 6 furthered their

education, 8 entered military service, and the remainder made other commitments.

Fiscally the Committee is pleased to report its best year to date despite continued reduction in state aid. Chapter 74 and transportation reimbursements amounted to \$435,749 causing an excess of \$156,203 over the anticipated amount. Because of a small surplus in FY 1976 appropriation, none of these reimbursements were required to balance the budget for that year. Therefore, the Committee expects a substantial amount of surplus to be available for reduction to the FY 1978 budget. For the second consecutive year, regional district aid was sent directly to the school and will be used to reduce the member towns' assessments for the support of Pathfinder. Regional aid amounted to \$151,910.84—up from \$114,000 for the previous year but only \$79,670 of entitlement. The Committee continues to maintain a cautious position with respect to the entire issue of state aid to regional vocational schools.

Several measures were taken over the past year to increase the efficiency of the business operations. A computerized payroll system in addition to automated student records systems were authorized by the Committee and are fully operational. A computerized inventory is in the process of development and is expected to be completed by the end of this year. The school's business operation was further recognized this year when Pathfinder was selected as fiscal agent for four sizeable federal projects in occupational and special education. This role has brought federal dollars into the Pathfinder accounts to be spent on projects located at various points throughout the state.

Both the School Committee and administration are increasingly proud of the role assumed by Pathfinder in the educational programs of the district as well as the increased involvement in community affairs. The 1976-77 school year has been the most satisfying one to date, and the Committee has recently renewed its commitment to investigate increased options for an even greater amount of students in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

David A. Staples

School Committee Representative

Town of Belchertown

Gerald L. Paist, Ed.D.

Superintendent-Director

Assessor's Report

The beginning of each new year brings with it the responsibility to review, analyze and summarize our activities and accomplishments during the previous twelve months. It is necessary that we do this so that we can keep the taxpayer informed and also be able to provide the Department of Corporations and Taxation with certain pertinent data and statistics. A summary of the year's activities is also useful in defending court cases.

In fulfilling our responsibilities as Assessors for Calendar Year 1976, we can truthfully say that it has been a year of extreme and concentrated activity. Normally the equalization of the tax base for a town the size of ours should take about two years to complete. Our decision to compress the time schedule to accomplish the task in one year placed an extremely heavy burden on our office and taxed our capabilities to the maximum.

Our choice for prompt, expedited action was influenced by the ever-increasing pressures of growth being experienced by our town. It became obvious to us that if we were to keep pace with the current and predicted growth of Belchertown, and at the same time equitably distribute the ever-increasing tax burden, modernization and improvement of our recording system was an absolute necessity.

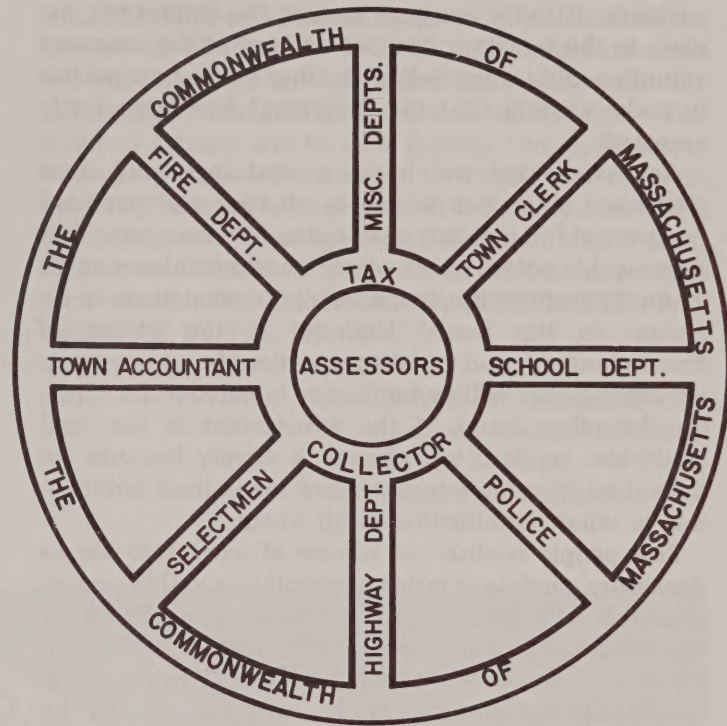
Although an occasional grumble is still heard criticizing the Assessors for spending \$40,000.00 for equalizing the tax base, we wish to point out the following salient facts:

(1) The Supreme Judicial Court ruled that equalization was required by law and, accordingly, directed the Commissioner of Corporations and Taxation to see that every city and town complied with the law to assess at full and fair cash value. Before equalization, we were assessing at approximately 42% of the market.

(2) By proceeding when we did, and in the manner which we did it, we assumed an awesome responsibility, but we saved the taxpayers in Belchertown somewhere between twenty and twenty-five thousand dollars. Towns with the same number of parcels as ours are now paying between 60 and 65 thousand dollars to duplicate what we got for 40 thousand dollars.

(3) We were able to help develop a computerized system of valuing and maintaining property records which is geared to the needs of the Assessor and a growing community.

(4) All of our property records are now on computer tapes. In the future, with proper maintenance, we will be able to equalize the tax base upward or downward



The Wheel of Town Government

as the market analysis dictates. The ultimate result should be a records system of higher quality.

(5) With the records system we have instituted, we are now in a much more tenable position to defend the town in court suits claiming disproportionate assessments.

(6) With all of the property records on tape, the computer can correlate, evaluate and digest data so that we as Assessors can be free to go about the never-ending task of equalization.

Equalization, with the exception of a few possible court cases, has been satisfactorily completed. We recognize that an undertaking of this nature and magnitude can be a very traumatic experience and in some instances, we are certain, it was just that. However, we would be remiss in our duties if we neglected to acknowledge our appreciation for the encouragement, support and confidence in the Board of Assessors expressed by many, many taxpayers. The equalization program succeeded because an overwhelming majority of the taxpayers put aside their differences and accepted the fact that we, as Assessors, were doing what had to be done and were trying to distribute the tax burden as equitably as possible.

In light of the above, someone said "It must be quite a nuisance for the Assessors to have people come in and complain about their assessed valuation and/or taxes." On the contrary, when someone comes in to complain, we consider it an opportunity to correct our mistakes, if there are any and, at the same time, explain to the taxpayer how we arrived at the assessed valuation and compare it with other similar properties to make certain that the individual has been fairly assessed.

As Assessors, we have a statutory and constitutional obligation to assess all real and personal property at full and fair cash value. We recognize that appraisal is not an exact science and mistakes can be made. Therefore, if a taxpayer can demonstrate in an appeal to the Board that he is the victim of discriminatory and/or disproportionate assessment, we are not only willing but happy to correct the error. On the other hand, if the assessment is fair and equitable, we will not change it simply because an individual may have to pay more taxes than before—this is what equalization is all about.

Few people realize the volume of work that we as Assessors must do in order to maintain a stable and an equitable distribution of the tax base. Although we try our utmost to be fair, we are often cast in the role of the villain. As we see it, the Assessor is the one least responsible for the increase in taxes but we are the most accessible to the taxpayer. As a result, the public vents its frustrations on the Assessor. We've said it before and wish to point out again that the community, in effect, sets the tax rate when it spends the money at the Town Meeting. The Tax Collector then extracts the money from the property owner. In comparison, the Assessor is an appraiser, a manager, a supervisor, but he is definitely **NOT A TAX MAN**.

Equalization brings with it many problems. One of these is the effect it has on those who receive statutory exemptions. The widows and elderly suddenly find that they no longer qualify because assessing at full and fair cash value puts the value of their property higher than that allowed by law.

We recognize also that the inflation factor has not been applied to the exemption eligibility laws pertaining to widows, elderly, veterans and the blind, and that perhaps they should be updated. In this case, haggling with the Assessors is not the answer. The solution to the problem is for those who have lost their eligibility or experienced the effect of inflation to write to the members of the Legislature requesting that the laws be amended. We feel that this should be done now, because it appears that the Legislature will not make a change in the near future.

One of the advantages of having computerized Assessor's records is the ability of the computer to quickly sort out and tabulate all property by various classes for purposes of comparison. It also gives us a

statistical analysis of sales transactions for the various classes of property so that we can now readily highlight potential areas of inequitable assessments.

Although we keep hearing complaints that the assessed values, after equalization, are generally too high, it is pointed out that our analysis of 175 transactions (sales) during calendar year 1976 indicates that our assessed valuation **ONE YEAR AFTER EQUALIZATION** is only 96% of the market. In other words, the total sales for the 175 transactions amounted to \$3,781,776.00, while the Fiscal 1977 assessed value for those same properties amounted to \$3,620,080.00. This means that, if sales continue to indicate that the market value of property keeps escalating at the current rate of 4 to 5%, the tax base will have to be upgraded and equalized within a 3 to 4 year period if we are to maintain assessments at full and fair cash value, as required by law and also ordered by the Supreme Court.

We recognize that in any undertaking such as the magnitude of a complete revaluation and equalization, such as we experienced in calendar 1976, there is bound to be a small percentage of transactions (sales) which **will not** support the newly appraised (assessed) value. Significant deviations above or below the assessed value are being flagged. These will be analyzed again in detail in order to account for the deviation so that we can adjust the assessed value upward or downward as the occasion requires.

Now that the majority of the cities and towns are in the process of revaluation, we expect that the Commissioner of Corporations will begin to focus attention on the maintenance and upkeep of the Assessor's records. Pressures will be exerted to computerize the Assessor's records in the 351 cities and towns so that equalization of the tax base will be the product of a computerized analysis of the market data resulting from the continual updating of the Assessor's records. We have already reached this capability without any cost to the town for the initial computerization of the records. We anticipate that in the future we, or the Assessors who will replace us, will not permit the sales ratio to drop below 85% of the market value.

Our land inventory maps were used to equalize the value of land. They are a physical inventory of the land. **THEY ARE NOT TAX MAPS!** We know we have some problem areas on the maps and will have for many years to come. However, we keep improving and refining them each year as property surveys and transfers provide new data. We appreciate the efforts of those taxpayers who came in and provided us with information which helped us to clear up some of the problem areas. To date, the initial cost of the maps plus maintenance for the past four years approximates \$30,000.00. Today's value of these maps is in excess of \$60,000.00. The Assessors' maps have been distributed and are used by various town departments.

The total value of Belchertown, excluding State-owned land and Quabbin Reservoir with its watershed area is broken down as follows:

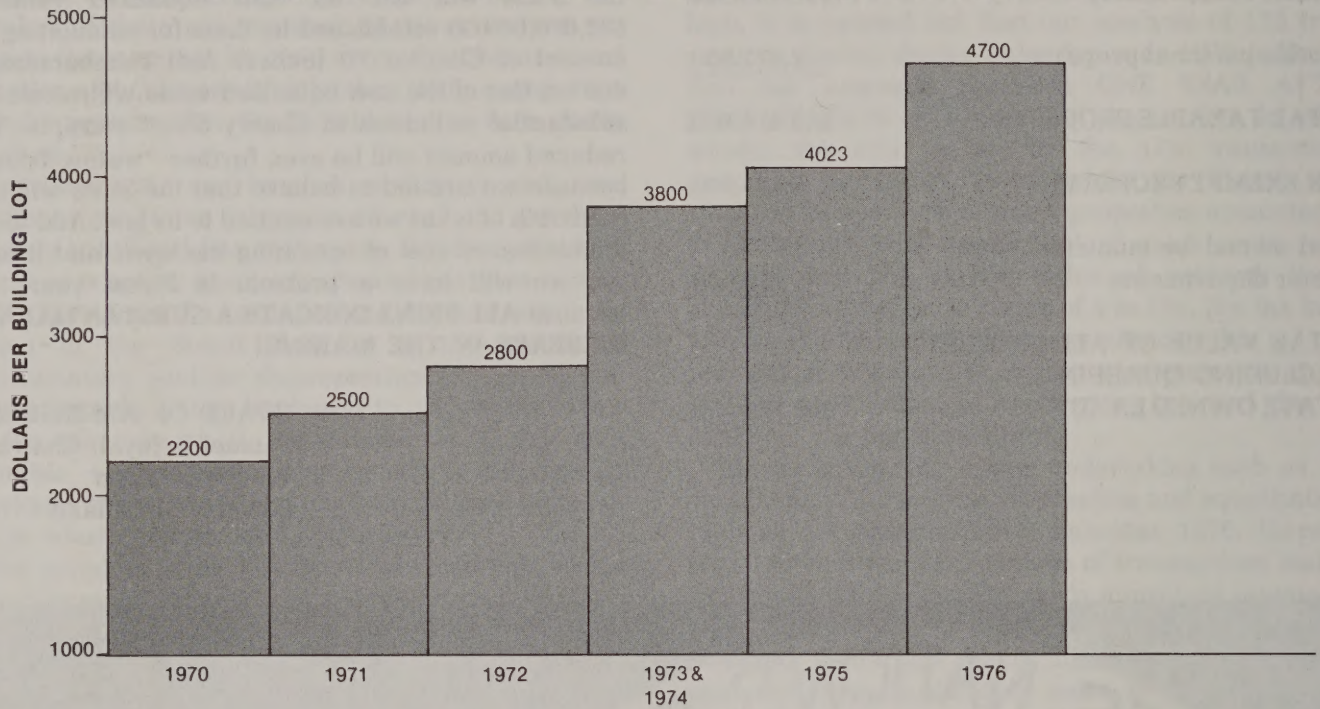
Taxable real property	\$60,943,010.
Taxable personal property	<u>2,471,850.</u>
TOTAL TAXABLE PROPERTY	\$63,414,860.
TAX EXEMPT PROPERTY	6,144,200.
Land owned by municipal water departments	<u>210,000.</u>
TOTAL VALUE OF ALL PROPERTY EXCLUDING QUABBIN & STATE OWNED LAND	\$69,769,060.

In conclusion, we wish to point out that once again we anticipate that the State **will not fully honor** its obligations to provide the cities and towns with the reimbursements specified by law. Moreover, this year the State will use the new equalized value of \$62,070,000.00 **established by them** for calculating the amount of Chapter 70 (School Aid) reimbursements due us. Use of the new equalized value will result in a **substantial** reduction in Cherry Sheet receipts. This reduced amount will be even further "watered-down" because we are led to believe that the State will only fund 65% of what we are entitled to by law. Add to this the increased cost of operating the town, and it looks like we will have a problem in Fiscal year 1978 because **ALL SIGNS INDICATE A SUBSTANTIAL TAX INCREASE IN THE MAKING!**

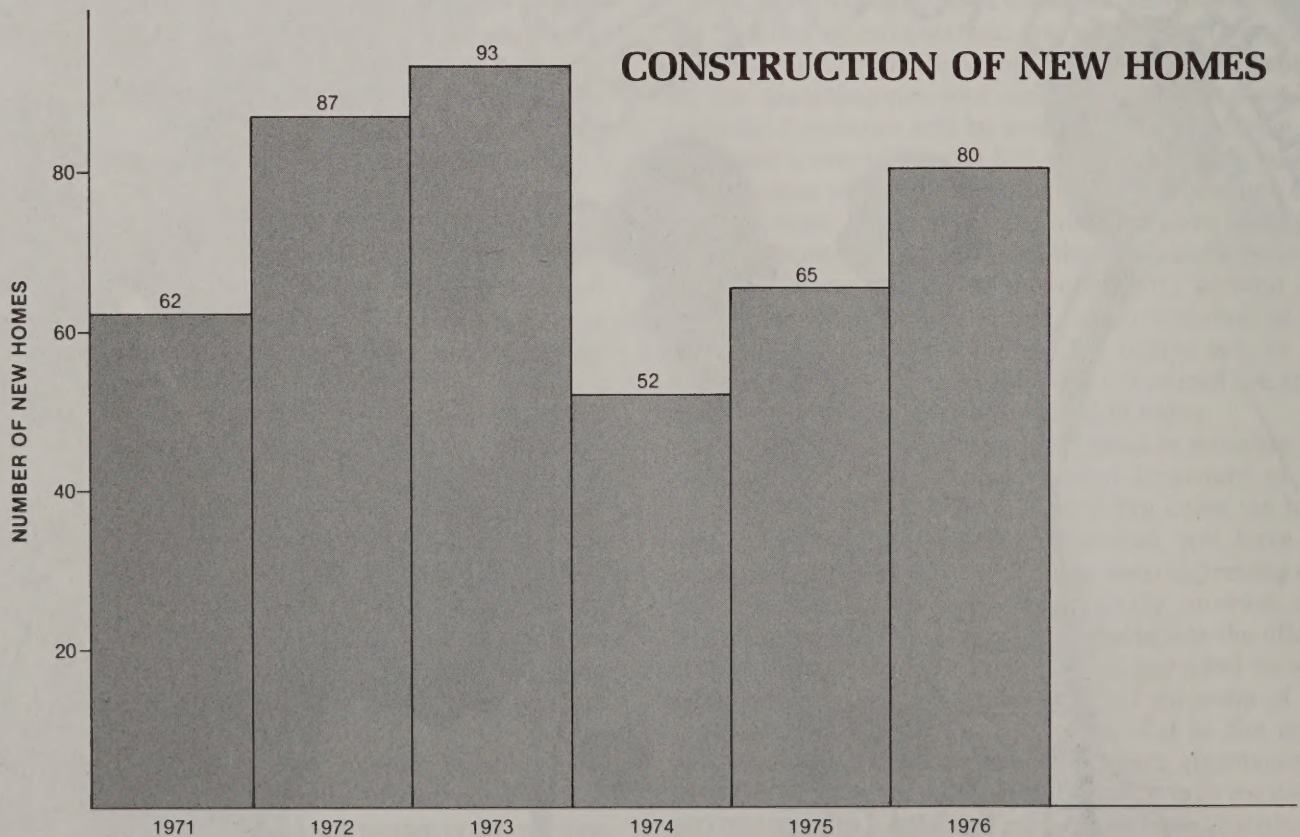
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AVERAGE SELLING PRICE OF BUILDING LOTS

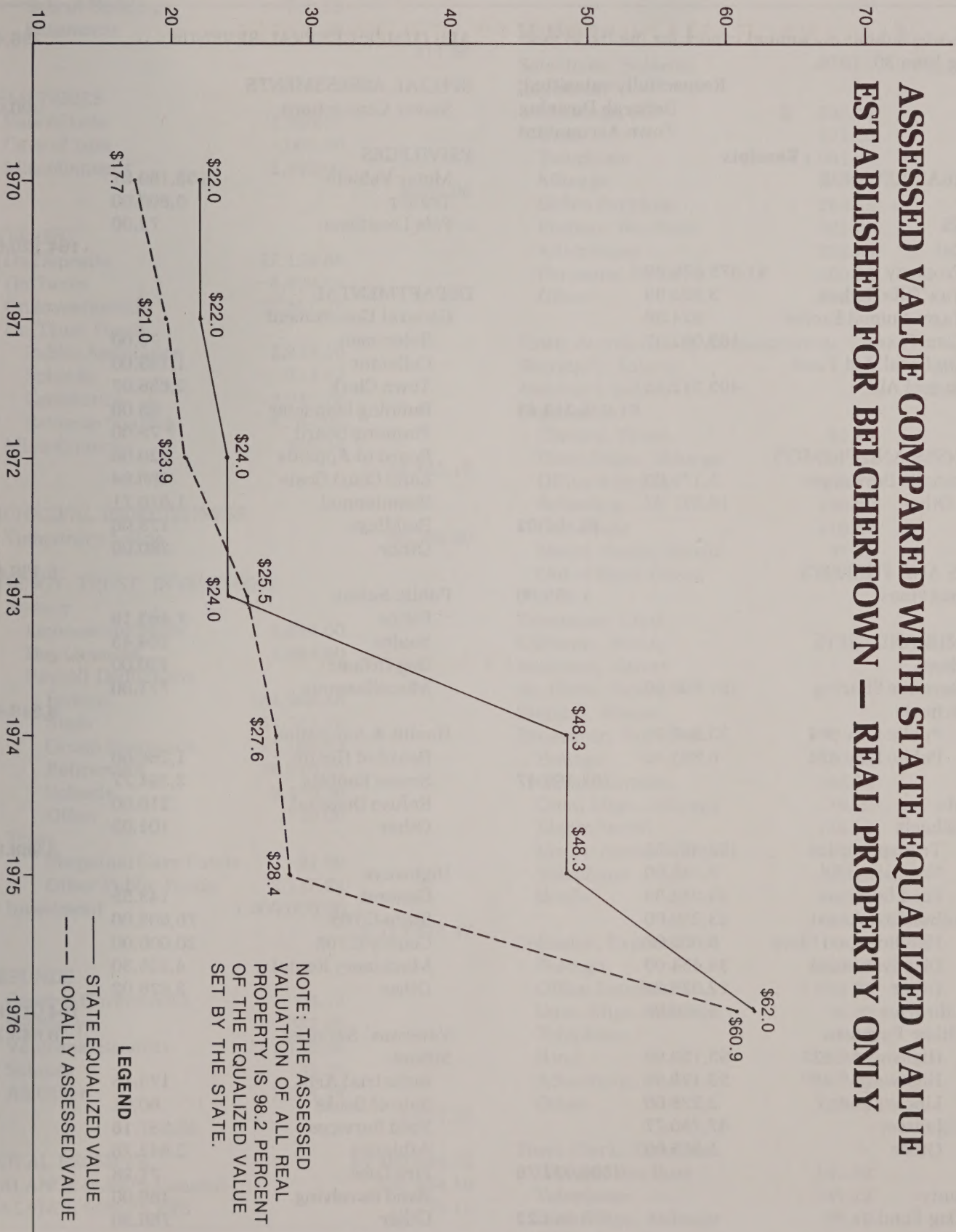


CONSTRUCTION OF NEW HOMES



ASSESSED VALUE COMPARED WITH STATE EQUALIZED VALUE ESTABLISHED FOR BELCHERTOWN — REAL PROPERTY ONLY

MILLIONS OF DOLLARS



Town Accountant's Report

I hereby submit my annual report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1976.

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah Downing
Town Accountant

Receipts	
GENERAL REVENUE	
TAXES	
Local	
Property	\$1,375,670.69
Tax Title Redem.	3,603.86
Farm Animal Excise	824.38
Lieu Taxes	105,002.37
State Local Aid Fund	
School Aid	493,212.15
	\$1,978,313.45
LICENSES AND PERMITS	
Alcoholic Beverages	5,175.00
All Other	14,977.92
	20,152.92
FINES AND FORFEITS	
Court Fines	1,355.00
GRANTS AND GIFTS	
Federal	
Revenue Sharing	151,808.00
Schools	
Public Law 864	23,507.77
Public Law 874	6,883.70
	182,199.47
State	
Schools	
Transportation	183,841.55
Vocational Ed.	7,339.00
Food Services	33,042.34
Building Assist.	23,250.00
Handicapped Class	8,600.00
Disadvantaged	34,454.00
Other	12,028.22
Libraries	6,520.96
Other Purposes	
Highways-C 825	95,159.96
Highways-C 497	53,128.98
Library Aid	2,226.00
Lottery	47,756.77
Other	1,575.00
	508,922.78
County	
Dog Fund	3,343.22
Gifts	540.00

ALL OTHER GENERAL REVENUE	798.45
SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS	
Sewer Connections	200.00
PRIVILEGES	
Motor Vehicle	155,189.61
Trailer	8,868.00
Pole Locations	72.00
	164,129.61
DEPARTMENTAL	
General Government	
Selectmen	73.00
Collector	1,155.00
Town Clerk	2,656.07
Building Inspector	85.00
Planning Board	75.00
Board of Appeals	220.00
Land Court Costs	169.84
Bicentennial	1,610.71
Buildings	175.00
Other	280.00
	6,499.62
Public Safety	
Police	7,463.19
Sealer	164.45
Dog Officer	120.00
Miscellaneous	771.80
	8,519.44
Health & Sanitation	
Board of Health	1,266.00
Sewer Rentals	2,391.77
Refuse Disposal	210.00
Other	101.03
	3,968.80
Highways	
General	143.55
State-C 765	76,808.00
County-C 765	20,000.00
Machinery Rental	4,235.30
Other	2,826.02
	104,012.87
Veterans' Services	8,643.74
Schools	
Industrial Arts	173.15
Sale of Books	60.61
Food Services	46,537.18
Athletics	2,642.76
Fire Loss	71.28
Band Revolving	168.00
Other	766.30
	50,419.28

Libraries	577.70	
Recreation	1,645.88	
Unclassified		
Sale of Buildings	210.50	
Easements	1.00	
	211.50	
CEMETERIES		
Sale of Lots	1,050.00	
Care of Lots	1,065.00	
Miscellaneous	2,340.00	
	4,455.00	
INTEREST		
On Deposits	27,128.86	
On Taxes	6,529.79	
On Investments	7,567.27	
On Trust Funds		
Public Assistance	2,843.10	
Schools	213.52	
Cemeteries	3,041.76	
Revenue Sharing	5,749.92	
Miscellaneous	266.94	
	53,341.16	
MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS		
Temporary Loans	66,308.00	
AGENCY, TRUST, INVESTMENT		
Agency		
Licenses for State	8,684.00	
Dog Licenses	3,893.80	
Payroll Deductions		
Federal	184,908.16	
State	61,772.72	
Group Insurance	21,760.53	
Retirement	20,516.22	
Schools	9,476.30	
Other	735.00	
Trust		
Perpetual Care Funds	91.50	
Other Public Funds	2,137.24	
Investment	1,000,000.00	
	1,313,975.47	
REFUNDS		
General Government	94.12	
Highways	882.05	
Veterans' Benefits	1,128.50	
Schools	32.25	
All Other	1,274.24	
	3,411.16	
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$4,485,944.52	
BALANCE 6/30/75 General	537,484.19	
BALANCE 6/30/75 FRS	25,230.12	
TOTAL RECEIPTS & CASH	\$5,048,658.83	

Expenditures		
GENERAL GOVERNMENT		
Moderator	\$	25.00
Selectmen, Salaries		5,200.00
Expenses:		
Meetings, etc.	\$	855.47
Dues		471.00
Telephone		1,001.45
Mileage		587.58
Office Supplies		264.28
Postage, Box Rent		321.00
Advertising		282.93
Personnel By-Laws		200.00
Other		182.90
		4,166.61
Town Accountant & Administration		
Secretary, Salary		8,500.00
Assistant, Salary		6,500.00
Expenses:		
Clerical, Wage		91.00
Dues, Mtgs., Mileage		537.12
Office Supplies		468.70
Schooling		150.00
Calculator		316.44
Maint. Agree, Repair		97.50
Out of State Travel		207.88
		1,868.64
Treasurer, Clerk,		
Collector, Salary		10,109.00
Assistant, Salary		8,264.00
Sr. Clerk, Salary		6,977.00
Clerical, Wages		4,130.17
Treasurer, Expenses:		
Postage		920.00
Office Supplies		346.76
Dues, Mtgs., Mileage		39.00
Meter Rental		126.00
Maint. Agree. & Repair		129.52
Telephone		36.10
Bonds		392.00
		1,989.38
Collector, Expenses:		
Postage		955.00
Office Supplies		1,095.29
Dues, Mtgs., Mileage		59.00
Telephone		35.11
Bond		565.00
Advertising		84.00
Other		229.20
		3,022.60
Town Clerk, Expenses:		
Postage, Box Rent		143.00
Telephone		341.22
Dues, Mtgs., Mileage		66.49
Office Supplies		529.66

Advertising	257.40		Zoning Officer, Expenses:		
Maint. Agreement	83.00		Postage	.71	
Bonds	40.00		Supplies	43.26	
		1,460.77	Dues, Mtgs., Mileage	174.98	
Assessors: Salaries		2,600.00	Telephone	104.81	
Principal Clerk, Salary		7,710.36	Zoning Map	134.30	
Jr. Clerk, Salary		6,825.00			458.06
Maintaining Valuation, Wage		3,477.25	Board of Appeals, Wages		896.50
Expenses:			Expenses:		
Mapping	2,335.60		Postage	26.00	
Postage, Box Rent	412.52		Advertising	85.29	
Supplies	1,154.84		Supplies	26.36	
Transfers & Deeds	315.75				137.65
Telephone	447.98		Conservation Commission		
Dues, Mtgs., Mileage	693.55		Dues		30.00
School	199.44		Historical Commission		
Other	78.50		Photographs		20.00
Revaluation of Property	31,984.88		Bicentennial Commission		
		37,623.06	Ball	1,445.48	
Finance Committee			Coloring Books	865.90	
Expenses:			Story Lady	250.00	
Dues, Mtgs., Mileage	130.52		Other	155.04	
Office Supplies	6.50				2,716.42
Placques	18.50		Council on Aging, Wages		5,286.50
		155.52	Expenses:		
Law Account			Rent	900.00	
Retainer Fee	3,500.00		Mileage	899.60	
Books	291.00		Telephone	406.43	
Legal Fees, Land Court	442.30		Photocopies	190.85	
Dues	30.00		Postage	116.78	
		4,263.30	School	186.00	
Special Law Account-Services		15.00	Supplies	131.21	
Election & Registration			Other	75.96	
Clerical Wages		448.38			2,906.83
All Other Wages		3,560.37	Historian-Archivist		
Expenses:			Supplies	261.20	
Street List, Wage	1,319.70		Other	7.50	
Clerk, Registrar, Salary	100.00				268.70
Posting	40.00		Consultant Services		250.00
Office Supplies	1,138.12		Lawrence Memorial Hall		
Meals, Mileage	247.54		Expenses:		
Postage	150.00		Utilities	993.41	
Other	113.20		Care of Grounds	515.84	
		3,108.56	Repairs	640.75	
Planning Board, Zoning			Supplies	429.93	
Enforcement, Salary		4,965.30	Shampoo Rug	32.79	
Plan. Board, Expenses:					2,612.72
Wages	127.25		Town Garage		
Postage	67.20		Expenses:		
Supplies	470.92		Utilities	4,832.56	
Mtgs., Dues, Mileage	209.55		Maintain, Repair	821.55	
Telephone	164.19		Supplies, Equipment	2,224.90	
Consultant	1,149.84		Telephone	425.14	
Advertising	239.32		Cleaner Rental	42.00	
Maint. Agreement	28.00		Wage	54.64	
Typewriter	625.50				8,400.79
		3,081.77	New Garage Erection		17,871.92

Old Town Hall		Collar	34.90	
Expenses:				129.50
Fuel	2,110.46	Insect Pest Control		
Electric	547.18	Expenses:		
Repairs	1,670.25	Wages	97.50	
Supplies	189.86	Hired Equipment	989.00	
Care of Grounds	15.00	Materials	351.90	
Wage	323.84			1,438.40
	4,856.59	Dutch Elm Disease, Wage		832.50
Town Common	2,124.05	Expenses:		
Common, Fire Hydrant Wage	702.75	Hired Equipment	672.50	
Common, Paving Wage	934.80	Hired Wage	402.50	
Town Clock	750.00			1,075.00
		Tree Warden Wages		1,320.00
PUBLIC SAFETY		Expenses:		
Police Department		Hired Equipment	883.00	
Chief's Salary	13,708.00	Materials	250.00	
Patrolmen-Salary	17,027.10	Hired Wage	664.05	
Part Time Wages	36,245.45	Dues, Mtg, Mileage	3.00	
Ambulance Training	771.80	Advertising	6.16	
Expenses:		Trees	265.00	
Telephone	1,776.26			2,071.21
Office Supply, Postage	969.11	Wiring Inspector, Wage		1,552.00
Gas, Oil, Tires	10,009.69	Expenses:		
Maintain Vehicles	4,123.28	Mileage	410.76	
Radios	536.98	Supplies	37.95	
Equip., Badges, Uniform	1,510.88			448.71
Courses, Dues, Travel	430.05	Civil Defense, Salary		350.00
Regional Radio System	623.00	Expenses:		
Cruiser	4,644.05	Supplies	13.85	
Other	39.25	Gas	27.11	
	24,662.55	Equipment	410.44	
Fire Department				451.40
Chief's Salary	800.00	Building Inspector, Salary		150.00
Wages	3,233.00	Inspections		3,106.50
Expenses:		Expenses:		
Utilities	2,312.37	Mileage	197.38	
Maintain, Repair, Replace	1,620.35	Mtgs., Wage & Exp.	174.61	
Supplies, Equipment	1,410.66	Postage	36.00	
Radios	322.78	Telephone	2.18	
Subscriptions, Dues	73.00	Supplies	146.28	
Snow Plowing	84.00			556.45
Other	125.93	Forest Management Plan		750.00
	5,949.09			
Sealer of Weights & Measures		HEALTH AND SANITATION		
Salary	325.00	Board of Health, Salaries		700.00
Expenses:		Wages:		
Supplies	28.95	Perc Tests	1,057.00	
Dues	15.00	Sanitarian	650.00	
Mileage	85.96	Animal Inspector	300.00	
	129.91	Plumbing Inspector	840.00	
Hydrant Service	6,225.00	Clk., Infectious Disease	100.00	
Dog Officer, Wages	985.00			2,947.00
Expenses:		Expenses:		
Excavate	55.00	Sanitarian	390.00	
Postage	29.60	Pest Control	110.00	
Labor	10.00	Clinics	1,393.70	

Office Supplies, Postage	170.21	Wages	3,576.82
Mtgs., Dues, Mileage	598.68	Expenses:	
Nurse Services	2,650.00	Town Equipment	3,696.90
Hospital	145.78	Hired Equipment	22,953.43
	5,458.37	Material	43,977.86
Sewer Commissioners, Salaries	950.00	Isaac's Corner	2,242.87
Wages	1,311.25	Blasting	2,085.00
Expenses:			74,956.06
Hired Equipment	1,174.50	Chapter 825	
Supplies, Materials	784.84	Wages	16,473.45
Repair, Replace	7.40	Expenses:	
Mowing	90.00	Material	15,215.16
Belchertown State School	14,295.87	Hired Equipment	1,728.00
Truck Rental	60.00		16,943.16
Advertising	22.12	Streets	
	16,434.73	Wages	5,287.90
Town Dump, Wages	7,028.12	Expenses:	
Expenses:		Material	7,578.57
Bulldozing	1,631.24	Hired Equipment	1,638.00
File	19.50	Hired Wage	400.00
Advertising	8.00		9,616.57
Supplies	34.66	Sidewalks	
Inspections	70.76	Wage	664.40
Hired Equipment	29.50	Expenses:	
Police Officer	78.20	Jackson Street	1,615.00
Encumbered	1,250.00	Park Street	1,720.50
Stickers	58.00		3,335.50
	3,179.86	Bridges	
HIGHWAYS		Wages	1,865.50
Superintendent's Salary	11,822.00	Expenses:	
General:		Hired Equipment	540.00
Wages & Paid Holidays	29,886.88	Material	5,281.23
Expenses:		Paint	1,185.04
Hired Wage	332.50		7,006.27
Hired Equipment	1,129.50	Equipment	
Materials	6,043.35	Trailer	\$ 3,250.00
Rubbish Removal	1,044.00	Loader	28,200.00
Street Painting	2,187.75	Snow Plow	1,697.65
Street Signs	1,052.14	Dump Truck	8,695.00
Work Clothes	252.61	Striper	2,500.00
Call Time	273.00		\$ 44,342.65
Mowing	4,140.00	Snow Removal	
Brushcutting	2,914.25	Wages	16,980.63
	19,369.10	Expenses:	
Sick Leave	3,434.60	Hired Equipment	19,602.50
Vacation Leave	2,788.73	Salt	10,279.42
Chapter 90 C 1974		Sand	6,110.67
Wages	651.93	Calcium Chloride	953.72
Expenses:		Cutting Edges	425.89
Town Equipment	538.40	Supplies	127.70
Materials	8,114.24		37,499.90
Hired Equipment	2,561.57	Road Machinery Expense	
Blasting	11,815.00	Diesel Fuel	2,587.87
	23,029.21	Fuel Tax	437.30
Chapter 765		Repairs	4,212.02
		Gas and Oil	8,949.16
		Materials & Equipment	4,335.01

	20,521.36	Title II	3,108.95	
Engineering Services		Other	81.60	
Expenses:				105,878.75
Mileage	553.12	Other School Services No. 3000		
Engineering	31.90	Professional Salaries		17,473.85
Materials	41.75	Non Professional Salaries		17,072.70
Registry of Deeds	24.00	Profess. Salaries Encumbered		1,294.14
Channel Drive	272.10	Expenses:		
Poor Farm	511.70	Transportation	88,557.84	
Red Bridge	200.00	Enc. Transport.	2,317.74	
Stebbins Street	132.00	Subscriptions	42.74	
	1,766.57	Dues, Mtg., Mileage	342.97	
Street Lighting	12,511.82	Towels	1,463.34	
		Supplies	3,180.20	
VETERANS DEPARTMENT		Athletics	12,638.84	
Veterans' Agent, Salary	2,000.00	Chapter 766	1,046.85	
Wage	497.04	Physicals	222.00	
Expenses:				109,812.52
Postage	36.00	Operating & Maintenance No. 4000		
Supplies	27.39	Salaries		78,153.13
Repairs	25.50	Expenses:		
	88.89	Telephone	6,743.54	
Benefits:		Electric	20,940.36	
Ordinary Benefits	17,990.17	Heat	36,355.77	
Heat	1,118.65	Gas	1,124.95	
Hospital	270.82	Care of Grounds	9,525.70	
Medicine	267.75	Repair, Maint.	39,322.06	
Doctor & Nurses	112.00	Supplies	61,731.99	
Electric	85.18	Pest Control	1,202.00	
Laboratory	4.00	Rubbish Removal	935.00	
	19,848.57	Water	516.70	
		Encumbered	582.00	
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT		Maintenance Agreements	4,678.63	
General Control No. 1000		Dues, Mtgs, Mileage	168.48	
Salaries	36,062.32	Carpet	215.00	
Expense:				184,042.18
Dues, Mtgs., Mileage	2,792.55	Fixed Assets No. 7000		
Subscriptions	118.95	Expense:		
Office Supplies	890.34	Broiler	39.79	
Advertising	234.36	Desk Chairs	484.79	
Box Rent, Postage	112.25	Audio Equipment	5,118.38	
Census	16.65	Calculator	675.00	
Out of State Travel	200.00	Visual Maker	93.33	
Other	3.04			6,411.29
	4,368.14	Programs with Other Schools No. 9000		
Instruction No. 2000		Expenses:		
Salaries	869,041.42	Tuition	668.50	
Encumbered Salaries	90,410.00	Transportation	19,356.72	
Expenses:		Encumb. Transport.	2,070.00	
Dues, Mtgs, Mileage	6,566.36	Transport. Chapter 766	883.21	
Box Rent & Postage	623.59	Tuition, Chapter 766	8,515.64	
Subscriptions	20,900.03	Assessment	2,686.92	
Teaching Supplies	50,396.76	Special Transportation	158.66	
Office Supplies	12,782.65	Tutoring Chapter 766	21.00	
Chapter 766	9,179.78			34,360.65
Courses	1,377.43	Clapp Memorial Library		
Out of State Travel	861.60	Wages		6,777.70

Expenses:			Repair, Replace	1,127.16	
Mileage	129.89		Supplies	150.22	
Books	1,769.25		Postage	23.00	
Utilities	2,129.75		Advertising	36.15	
Supplies	348.46				9,271.75
Insurance	629.00				
Care of Grounds	673.60		Veterans' Graves		
Repairs	1,262.04		Wages		256.00
Box Rent	8.00		Town Appropriations		
		6,949.99	Blue Cross-B. Shld	36,748.70	
			Group Life	1,550.53	
			Pensions	29,020.80	
					67,320.03
RECREATION AND UNCLASSIFIED			INTEREST AND MATURING DEBT		
Parks, Beach, Recreation			Interest:		
Director, Salary		7,644.00	1963 School	11,857.50	
Wages:			Temp. Loans	5,936.14	
Swimming Wage	4,387.93				17,793.64
Baseball Wage	610.36		Maturing Debt:		
Other Wage	992.98		1963 School	45,000.00	
		5,991.27	Temp. Loans	26,808.00	
					71,808.00
Expenses:			PETTY CASH		
Utilities	434.45		Assessors	25.00	
Care of Grounds	1,281.25		School Department	225.00	
Repair & Replace	1,268.28		Accountant	380.00	
Supplies	3,621.64				630.00
Babe Ruth	194.75				
Postage	42.00				
Beach spraying	363.91				
Photographer	50.00				
Lawn Mower	199.95				
Bus Trip	135.00				
		7,591.23			
Unclassified Account			DOG OFFICER FEES		
Expense:			Care & Custody	2,380.00	
3M Paper	1,140.49		Destroying	340.00	
Certification Fee	40.00				2,720.00
Vacuum Cleaner	210.00				
Bulletin Boards	222.97				
Placques	38.00		REFUNDS		
Parades	223.91		Current Year		
Float	256.33		Real Estate	5,301.67	
		2,131.70	Personal Property	180.08	
(Unclassified Section)			Motor Vehicle Ex. 1975	3,037.37	
Printing Town Report	1,850.50		Motor Vehicle Ex. 1976	737.29	
Unpaid Bills	1,112.08				9,256.41
Patriotic Exercises	281.52		Previous Years		
Insurance	39,036.00		Motor Vehicle Excise	118.80	
Pathfinder School	119,274.05		Sewer Rentals	15.83	
		161,554.15	Farm Animal	8.00	
					142.63
CEMETERIES			PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS		
Commissioners, Salaries		600.00	Federal Withholding	186,488.16	
Wages		1,706.55	Retirement	20,249.53	
Expenses:			State Withholding	67,070.90	
Snow Removal	250.00		Employee—Blue Cross	17,275.85	
Open & Close	1,041.22				
Care of Grounds	6,644.00				

Pensioners—Blue Cross	217.56
OME—Blue Cross	3,000.41
Group Life	1,042.87
Cancer Care	1,598.90
Union Dues	735.00
	297,679.18

STATE AND COUNTY ASSESSMENTS

State Recreation Areas	21,925.92
Motor Vehicle Excise Bills	481.80
LPV Air Pollution	474.05
LPV Regional Planning	558.48
County Tax	90,227.49
	113,667.74

AGENCY, TRUST, INVESTMENT

Agency	
Sporting Licenses	8,344.00
Dog Licenses	3,945.25
Trust	
Cemetery Perpetual Care-Bequests	1,125.00
Cemetery Perpetual Care-Income	3,064.90
Susan Bridgman Poor Fund Income	24,151.00
Nellie Brown Cemetery Fund	25.00
Whiting Street Poor Fund	842.59
Susan Bridgman Cemetery Fund	66.50
Calvin Bridgman H.S. Fund	213.52
Calvin Bridgman Library	500.00
Public Law Funds	
Library LSCA Grant	2,625.00
Schools:	
ESEA Title I Proj. Prepare	2,652.00
ESEA Title I Proj. Prepare	7,955.00
ESEA Title VIB Salary	1,575.27
ESEA Title VIB Expense	2,737.48
ESEA Title I Proj. Asst. Sal.	15,687.86
ESEA Title I Proj. Asst. Exp.	169.37
ESEA Title I 1965	2,109.45
ESEA Title II 89-10 Library	2,064.34
ESEA Title VIB 93-380 Sal.	6,649.27
ESEA Title VIB 93-380 Exp.	10,591.68
ESEA Mini Grant	2,991.60

Revolving Funds

School Lunch	
Food	59,214.33
Expense	7,754.49
Wage	16,998.30
	83,967.12
High School Athletics	1,995.33
Book Fund	119.93
Industrial Arts	169.00
Band	196.33

Off Duty Work Details

Police	3,120.00
Highway	34.10
Insurance Claims	
Recorder	160.00
Tuner	89.00
Cruiser	780.74
Pickup	109.45

Investments	
General Cash	700,000.00

FEDERAL REVENUE SHARING

Library Wages	577.70
Police Dept.-Expense	817.33
Police Dept.-Wage	2,997.45
Town Common-Paving	4,753.12
Council on Aging-Tables	99.28
Selectmen-Typewriter	700.00
Old Town Hall	3,426.33
Clerk, Collector, Treasurer-	
Typewriter	693.00
Highways-Hoist Foundation	1,000.00
Termite Control	1,100.00
Ambulance Training	771.80
Town Bridges	3,720.78
Painting Old Town Hall	1,500.00
Collector-Desk & Chair	348.68
Fire Hydrant	6,307.39

TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$4,005,852.73
Balance 6/30/76 General	888,830.92
Balance 6/30/76 FRS	153,975.18

TOTAL EXPENDITURES & CASH	\$5,048,658.83
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Report of Town Treasurer

July 1, 1975 through June 30, 1976

Cash on hand 6/30/75	\$ 562,714.31	Payments, as authorized	\$4,005,852.73
Receipts 7/1/75-6/30/76	4,485,944.52	Cash on hand 6/30/76	1,042,806.10
	<u>5,048,658.83</u>		<u>5,048,658.83</u>

Interest Income from savings deposits, excluding trust funds	\$27,164.07
Interest Income on Certificates of Deposit	7,567.27
	<u>34,731.34</u>

Federal Revenue Sharing Account

Cash on hand 6/30/75	\$25,230.12	Payments, as authorized	28,812.86
Receipts 7/1/75-6/30/76		Cash on hand 6/30/76	153,975.18
			<u>\$182,788.04</u>
	Principal	Interest	
Ent. I	—	—	
Ent. II	—	22.44	
Ent. III	—	7.45	
Ent. IV	—	30.88	
Ent. V	26,675.00	2,407.55	
Ent. VI	125,133.00	3,281.60	
	<u>151,808.00</u>	<u>5,749.92</u>	157,557.92
			<u>\$182,788.04</u>

TRUST FUNDS

Trust Funds	6/30/75	Deposits	Interest	Withdrawals	6/30/76
Calvin Bridgman (High School)	7,107.34	—	384.97	213.52	7,278.79
George D. Longley (Music)	2,150.93	—	116.92	—	2,267.85
Susan M. D. Bridgman (Cemetery)	789.81	—	40.32	66.50	763.63
Whiting Street	15,089.18	—	522.55	842.59	14,769.14
Willard A. Stebbins (Cemetery)	2,633.99	—	143.18	—	2,777.17
Calvin Bridgman (Library)	5,112.71	—	270.45	500.00	4,883.16
S.M.D. Bridgman (Poor)	8,907.93	22,356.35	1,025.00	794.65	31,494.63
Vienna Sommes (Mt. Hope Cemetery)	497.13	—	27.00	—	524.13
Perpetual Care (Cemeteries)	42,754.26	1,125.00	2,326.40	3,041.76	43,163.90
Nellie E. Brown (Mt. Hope Cemetery)	1,483.60	—	80.37	25.00	1,538.97
Stabilization Fund (Regular Acct.)	216,773.07	—	1,380.25	217,711.45	441.87
Stabilization Fund (Special Not. Acct.)	—	217,711.45	11,414.04	—	229,125.49
	<u>303,299.95</u>	<u>241,192.80</u>	<u>17,731.45</u>	<u>223,195.47</u>	<u>339,028.73</u>

Bank Stock Investment:

Susan M.D. Bridgman (Poor)—State Audit Value \$3,500.00—12 month Dividend—\$2,843.10

Funds borrowed during period 7/1/75—6/30/76, as authorized

Note	Purpose	From	Dated	Amount	Due Date	Rate	Interest
279	Renewal of Note 278 Chap. 90—Construction & Maintenance — Anticipation of Reimbursement	Hampshire Nat'l. Bank	9/20/75	76,808.00	3/18/76	3.50	1,335.34
280	Chap. 765—Acts of 1972 Highway Construction Anticipation of Reimbursement	Hampshire Nat'l. Bank	9/29/75	20,000.00	9/29/76	4.25	850.00
281	Chap. 765—Acts of 1972 Highway Construction Anticipation of Reimbursement	Hampshire Nat'l. Bank	11/25/75	20,000.00	9/29/76	2.99	512.94
282	Chap. 765—Acts of 1972 Highway Construction Anticipation of Reimbursement	Hampshire Nat'l. Bank	3/24/76	26,308.00	9/29/76	2.90	400.68
283	Chap. 90—Construction & Maintenance Anticipation of Reimbursement	Hampshire Nat'l. Bank	3/18/76	50,000.00	9/30/76	2.90	750.39

Total Borrowed—

Anticipation of Reimbursement \$193,116.00 @ \$3,849.35 interest

Report of Tax and Town Collector

1973 Real Estate Taxes

Outstanding 6/30/75	8,596.30
Tax Title	1,234.26
Collected	7,362.04
Outstanding 6/30/76	0
	8,596.30

1974 Real Estate Taxes

Outstanding 6/30/75	8,975.47
Abated	107.80
Collected	4,860.57
Outstanding 6/30/76	4,007.10
	8,975.47

1975 Fiscal Real Estate Taxes

Outstanding 6/30/75	50,422.73
Abated	215.60
Collected	33,242.90
Outstanding 6/30/76	16,964.23
	50,422.73

1976 Fiscal Real Estate Taxes

Committed for collection	1,350,475.93
Refunded	5,301.67
Abated	46,354.97
Collected	1,233,992.50
Outstanding 6/30/76	75,430.13
	1,355,777.60

1969 Personal Property Taxes

Outstanding 6/30/75	312.80
Outstanding 6/30/76	312.80

1970 Personal Property Taxes

Outstanding 6/30/75	367.20
Outstanding 6/30/76	367.20

1971 Personal Property Taxes

Outstanding 6/30/75	715.20
Outstanding 6/30/76	715.20

1972 Personal Property Taxes		
Outstanding 6/30/75		614.10
Outstanding 6/30/76	614.10	
	614.10	614.10
1973 Personal Property Taxes		
Outstanding 6/30/75		1,165.68
Collected	291.40	
Outstanding 6/30/76	874.28	
	1,165.68	1,165.68
1974 Personal Property Taxes		
Outstanding 6/30/75		522.50
Outstanding 6/30/76	522.50	
	522.50	522.50
1975 Fiscal Personal Property Taxes		
Outstanding 6/30/75		2,962.51
Collected	1,589.41	
Outstanding 6/30/76	1,373.10	
	2,962.51	2,962.51
1976 Fiscal Personal Property Taxes		
Committed for collection		100,478.93
Refunded		180.08
Abated	658.50	
Collected	96,654.92	
Outstanding 6/30/76	3,345.59	
	100,659.01	100,659.01
1975 Farm Animal Excises		
Outstanding 6/30/75		890.58
Refunded		8.00
Abated	8.00	
Collected	824.38	
Outstanding 6/30/76	66.20	
	898.58	898.58
1969 Motor Vehicle Excises		
Outstanding 6/30/75		627.92
Outstanding 6/30/76	627.92	
	627.92	627.92
1970 Motor Vehicle Excises		
Outstanding 6/30/75		2,662.86
Outstanding 6/30/76	2,662.86	
	2,662.86	2,662.86
1971 Motor Vehicle Excises		
Outstanding 6/30/75		5,213.03
Collected	153.25	
Outstanding 6/30/76	5,059.78	
	5,213.03	5,213.03
1972 Motor Vehicle Excises		
Outstanding 6/30/75		6,737.47
Collected	4.13	

Outstanding 6/30/76	6,733.34	
	6,737.47	6,737.47
1973 Motor Vehicle Excises		
Outstanding 6/30/75		10,110.17
Refunded		16.50
Abated	73.70	
Collected	786.59	
Outstanding 6/30/76	9,266.38	
	10,126.67	10,126.67
1974 Motor Vehicle Excises		
Outstanding 6/30/75		11,485.20
Committed for collection		219.18
Abated	420.73	
Scheduled refund (from '75 report)	24.20	
Refunded per above		24.20
Refunded		78.10
Collected	2,713.84	
Outstanding 6/30/76	8,647.91	
	11,806.68	11,806.68
1975 Motor Vehicle Excises		
Outstanding 6/30/75		22,880.68
Committed for collection		85,307.18
Refunded		3,037.37
Abated	8,187.74	
Collected	93,607.85	
Outstanding 6/30/76	9,429.64	
	111,225.23	111,225.23
1976 Motor Vehicle Excises		
Committed for collection		113,001.56
Refunded		737.29
Abated	4,449.28	
Collected	57,922.95	
Outstanding 6/30/76	51,366.62	
	113,738.85	113,738.85
1973 Sewer Charges		
Outstanding 6/30/75		64.52
Collected as liens on '74 Real Estate	50.34	
Outstanding 6/30/76	14.18	
	64.52	64.52
1974 Sewer Charges		
Outstanding 6/30/75		881.59
Collected as liens on '76 Real Estate	804.68	
Outstanding 6/30/76	76.91	
	881.59	881.59
1975 Sewer Charges		
Outstanding 6/30/75		2,084.09
Refunded		15.83

Abated	21.74	
Collected	1,536.75	
Outstanding 6/30/76	541.43	
	2,099.92	2,099.92

Miscellaneous Accounts Receivable

Outstanding 6/30/75		1,133.92
Committed for collection		5,501.28
Collected	5,043.85	
Outstanding 6/30/76	1,591.35	
	6,635.20	6,635.20

Total Collections During July 1975 - June 1976

Taxes, Excises Liens	\$1,536,398.50	
Miscellaneous Accounts	5,043.85	
Fees (Warrant and Demand)	1,196.00	
Interest on all Taxes, Excises & Liens	5,898.64	
	1,548,536.99	

Deaths

Recorded in Belchertown—46
Males 27, Females 19
Resident 42, Non-Resident 4

Place of Death	No.
Belchertown	12
Ware	6
Springfield	8
Northampton	5
Holyoke	6
Palmer	3
West Brookfield	1
Spencer	1
Boston	1
Ludlow	1
Keene, N.H.	1
Nashua, N.H.	1
	46

Town Clerk's Report

Statistics

Births

Place	Boys	Girls
Holyoke	7	4
Northampton	21	13
Ware	3	6
Springfield	6	9
Southbridge	-	1
Newton	1	-
	38	33

Total births recorded in Belchertown—71

Marriages

	Male	Female
Resident	44	53
Non-resident	28	19
	72	72

Married at:	No.
Belchertown	23
Out of Town	49
	72

Financial

Receipts	Amount	No.	Items
Sporting Licenses (Gross)	\$8,738.25		1049
Dog Licenses (Gross)	4,325.25		1158
B-M-D Certified Copies	490.00		245
B-M-D Abstract Copies	47.00		47
Marriage Intentions	280.00		70
U.C.C. & Terminations	589.00		143
Sale of Zoning Maps & By-Laws	72.00		72
Federal Liens	48.00		16
Pole Location Orders	56.00		14
Registration to Store Fuel	12.00		24
Registration & Discontinuance of Business	14.00		14
Sale of Subdivisions	9.00 @ 1.00 each		9
	12.00 @ 2.00 each		6
Sale of Master Plans	20.00		5
Sale of Street Lists	17.00		17
Filing Fees-Subdivisions	50.00		2
Hearing Fees-Board of Appeals	210.00		14
Search and/or Copy of Records	18.00		9
Raffles & Bazaars	80.00		8
Lien Search	10.00		2
Postage & Miscellaneous	1.05		4
	15,098.55		2928

Payments to:	
Division of Fisheries & Game	\$8,508.75
County of Hampshire	3,920.30
Town of Belchertown	2,669.50
	15,098.55

Town of Belchertown

Balance Sheet—June 30, 1976

General Accounts

Assets		Liabilities	
Cash:		Temporary Loans:	
General	\$888,830.92	In Anticipation of Reimbursement	\$ 116,308.00
Accounts Receivable:		Payroll Deductions	
Taxes		Federal Taxes	\$ 6,090.80
Levy of 1969		State Withholding	2,059.79
Personal Property	312.80	Retirement	2,452.82
Levy of 1970		Teachers Retirement	7,001.77
Personal Property	367.20	Teachers Annuities	1,460.47
Levy of 1971		Teachers Dues	920.73
Personal Property	715.20	Secretary Dues	93.33
Levy of 1972		Group Medical Insurance	3,122.39
Personal Property	\$ 614.10	Group Life Insurance	118.84
Real Estate	225.40		23,320.94
	839.50	Agency	
Levy of 1973		State Sporting Licenses	340.00
Personal Property	874.28	County Dog Licenses	229.15
Real Estate	1,298.70		569.15
	2,172.98	Gifts and Bequests	
Levy of 1974		Parsons Field—New Field House	3.22
Personal Property	519.66	Ambulance Fund	1,036.59
Real Estate	3,999.86		1,039.81
	4,519.52	Trust Fund Income	
Levy of 1975		Susan M.D. Bridgman Charity	546.75
Personal Property	1,373.10	Calvin Bridgman High School	2.88
Real Estate	17,275.55		549.63
	18,648.65	Investment Funds	
Levy of 1976		To be invested:	
Personal Property	3,345.59	Conservation Fund	2,105.01
Real Estate	74,903.07	Federal Grants:	
	78,248.66	Schools	
Motor Vehicle Excise		Public Law 81-864	1,070.17
Levy of 1969	627.92	Public Law 81-874	2,601.70
Levy of 1970	2,662.86	Public Law 89-10	6,166.55
Levy of 1971	5,059.78	Public Law 93-380	2,205.01
Levy of 1972	6,733.34	Public Law 91-230	4.59
Levy of 1973	9,265.38	Public Law 88-210	6.62
Levy of 1974	8,647.91		12,054.64
Levy of 1975	9,310.53	Revolving Funds	
Levy of 1976	51,514.72	School Lunch	201.83
	93,822.44	Athletics	1,005.40
Special Assessments		Industrial Arts	504.36
Sewer		Band	182.09
Rental 1973	14.18	Police Off Duty Work Details	18.00
Rental 1974	76.91	Lost and Damaged Books	31.59
Rental 1975	541.43		1,943.27
	632.52	Insurance Claims	
		Band Uniforms	71.28
		Appropriation Balances	

Federal Revenue Sharing Accounts

Liabilities and Reserves

Trust and Investment Accounts

Trust and Investment Funds:	\$ 342,528.73	Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	\$ 43,163.90
		Stabilization Fund	229,567.36
		Susan M.D. Bridgman Cemetery Fund	763.63
		Nellie E. Brown Cemetery Fund	1,538.97
		Calvin Bridgman Library Fund	4,883.16
		George D. Longley Music Fund	2,267.85
		Calvin Bridgman High School Fund	7,278.79
		Whiting Street Poor Fund	14,769.14
		Susan M.D. Bridgman Poor Fund	34,994.63
		Willard Stebbins Cemetery Fund	2,777.17
		Vienna E. Somes Cemetery Fund	524.13
	<u>\$342,528.73</u>		<u>\$342,528.73</u>

Debt Accounts

	Loan Issued	Rate	Outstanding 7/1/75	Paid in 75-76	Outstanding 6/30/76	Due in Fiscal 1977
New Jr.-Sr. High School Loan	1963	3.1	\$405,000.00	\$45,000.00	\$360,000.00	\$45,000.00

Debt Statement

Net Funded or Fixed Debt:		Serial Loans:	
Outside Debt Limit		Outside Debt Limit	
General	\$360,000.00	School Building Loan 1963	\$360,000.00
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Bicentennial Commission

Many of the projects planned in 1975 by the Bicentennial Commission were carried out in 1976. Most of these projects were carried out before the resignation of the original Bicentennial Commission.

In August a new Bicentennial Commission was appointed to complete activities for the bicentennial year. Those appointed to serve on the new commission were Leopold Ablicki, Jr.; Joan P. Fuller, Secretary; Ernest M. Gay, Jr., Vice Chairman; David Hodgen, Treasurer; and Sue Reece, Chairman. Shirley Dorey was the liaison from the Board of Selectmen.

On October 9th The Belchertown Bicentennial Fall Festival was held on the common, under tents, and in the Old Town Hall. Many games and activities were planned throughout the day for the enjoyment of the children. At 8:00 P.M. there was a concert by the "Barnstormers", a men's choral group, in the Congregational Church. A huge bonfire was lit by Linda Kecki, Belchertown's Miss Bicentennial.

To culminate the day's activities there was dancing under the "big tent" to the music of "Gordy and the Wranglers", Belchertown's own country band, and "Morgan Flatz", a rock band.

With the endorsement of the Bicentennial Commission, the Girl Scouts co-ordinated the construction of a bulletin board which was constructed on the south end of the common.

The commission would like to thank all the clubs, organizations and individuals in town that helped make Belchertown's bicentennial year a success.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan P. Fuller, Secretary

The School Site Study Committee

The School Site Study Committee has met several times for the purpose of reviewing appropriate sites for the construction of a Middle School.

The Committee conferred with the School Committee in order to assure that any proposed sites would meet the specifications of the State Department of Education.

Input was also sought from the Recreation Committee in order to maximize the potential for a joint

project which would meet the educational requirements for a Middle School and allow the development of a Community Recreational Site proximal to the school. Two goals could thus be met at minimal expense.

After review of several sites the Committee has agreed that a 40 acre site located on Route 202 and 21 would be the logical site because of the following advantages:

1. Minimal cost factor
2. Central location
3. Water and sewerage accessibility
4. Provision of adequate acreage for a joint school and recreation area.
5. Minimum of site preparation for use.

Considerable time and effort have been expended by the Committee members in the search for this site. We sincerely hope that it meets with the citizen approval.

Respectfully submitted,
School Site Study Committee
Edward H. Gates, Chairman
Charlotte C. Duda, Secretary
Harold E. Mellin
Richard B. Sheperd
Molly Weir
Judy Dudek

Local Growth Policy Committee

The Local Growth Policy Committee over the past year has held a number of public meetings to receive citizen input on questions regarding the future growth of Belchertown and the impact of the growth of the Lower Pioneer Valley Region upon our town. The committee has submitted the local statement to the State Office of Planning.

Belchertown was one of the communities to receive a grant of \$450 from the state to study types of housing units in the town, recreational facilities and open areas.

The committee would like to thank all of the townspeople who have offered us their opinions and suggestions, and consequently made our task much easier.

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas McKelligott, Chairman

Appropriations and Expenditures for Fiscal 1976

	Balance Forward 6-30-75	Appropriations ATM-STMA	Refunds Transfers Adjustments	Amount Available Expenditure	Expended by Warrant	Expended by Journal	Unexpended Balance	Balance to 1977
GENERAL GOVERNMENT								
Moderator	-0-	25.00	-0-	25.00	25.00	-0-	-0-	-0-
Selectmen-Salaries	-0-	5,200.00	-0-	5,200.00	5,200.00	-0-	-0-	-0-
Selectmen-Expense	-0-	4,450.00	-0-	4,450.00	4,166.61	-0-	283.39	-0-
Accountant-Secretary-Salary	-0-	8,500.00	-0-	8,500.00	8,500.00	-0-	-0-	-0-
Assistant Accountant-Salary	-0-	6,500.00	-0-	6,500.00	6,500.00	-0-	-0-	-0-
Accountant-Secretary-Wage	-0-	200.00	-0-	200.00	91.00	-0-	109.00	-0-
Accountant-Secretary-Expense	-0-	1,100.00	605.00	1,705.00	1,569.76	130.00	5.24	-0-
Accountant-Out of State Travel	-0-	250.00	250.00	500.00	207.88	250.00	42.12	-0-
Treasurer, Collector, Clerk-Salary	-0-	10,109.00	-0-	10,109.00	10,109.00	-0-	-0-	-0-
Assistant Treasurer, Collector, Clerk-Salary	-0-	8,264.00	-0-	8,264.00	8,264.00	-0-	-0-	-0-
Sr Clerk-Treasurer, Collector, Clerk-Salary	-0-	6,977.00	-0-	6,977.00	6,977.00	-0-	-0-	-0-
Clerk, Collector, Treasurer-Wage	-0-	4,512.00	-0-	4,512.00	4,130.17	-0-	381.83	-0-
Treasurer-Expense	-0-	1,990.00	-0-	1,990.00	1,989.38	-0-	.62	-0-
Collector-Expense	-0-	3,020.00	5.00	3,025.00	3,022.60	-0-	2.40	-0-
Town Clerk-Expense	-0-	1,403.00	58.00	1,461.00	1,460.77	-0-	.23	-0-
Assessors-Salaries	-0-	2,600.00	-0-	2,600.00	2,600.00	-0-	-0-	-0-
Assessors-Principal Clerk-Salary	-0-	7,800.00	-0-	7,800.00	7,710.36	-0-	89.64	-0-
Assessors-Jr Clerk-Salary	-0-	6,825.00	-0-	6,825.00	6,825.00	-0-	-0-	-0-
Assessors-Wage	-0-	4,595.00	-0-	4,595.00	3,477.25	-0-	1,117.75	-0-
Assessors-Expense	-0-	5,480.00	102.12	5,582.12	4,152.41	25.00	1,404.71	980.00
Assessors-Encumbered Mapping	1,485.77	-0-	-0-	1,485.77	1,485.77	-0-	-0-	-0-
Revaluation of Property	-0-	42,000.00	-0-	42,000.00	31,984.88	-0-	10,015.12	10,015.12
Law Account	-0-	4,600.00	-0-	4,600.00	4,263.30	-0-	336.70	-0-
Special Law Account	-0-	2,000.00	-0-	2,000.00	15.00	-0-	1,985.00	-0-
Finance Committee	-0-	200.00	-0-	200.00	155.52	-0-	44.48	-0-
Election & Registration-Salary	-0-	100.00	-0-	100.00	100.00	-0-	-0-	-0-
Election & Registration-Wage	-0-	5,900.00	-0-	5,900.00	4,611.35	757.10	531.55	-0-
Election & Registration-Expense	-0-	1,000.00	1,407.10	2,407.10	2,405.96	-0-	1.14	-0-
Planning Board-Zoning Enforcement-Salary	-0-	8,000.00	-0-	8,000.00	4,965.30	-0-	3,034.70	-0-
Planning Board-Wage	-0-	2,000.00	-0-	2,000.00	127.25	-0-	1,872.75	-0-
Planning Board-Expense	-0-	5,730.00	12.00	5,742.00	3,278.28	-0-	2,463.72	2,000.00
Planning Board-Encumbered	200.00	-0-	-0-	200.00	134.30	-0-	65.70	-0-
Planning Board-Zoning-Out of State Travel	-0-	55.00	-0-	55.00	-0-	-0-	55.00	-0-
Board of Appeals-Wage	-0-	1,000.00	-0-	1,000.00	896.50	-0-	103.50	-0-
Board of Appeals-Expense	-0-	800.00	-0-	800.00	137.65	-0-	662.35	-0-
Conservation Commission	-0-	275.00	-0-	275.00	30.00	-0-	245.00	-0-
Consultant Services	-0-	500.00	-0-	500.00	250.00	-0-	250.00	250.00
Lawrence Memorial Hall	-0-	3,900.00	-0-	3,900.00	2,612.72	16.56	1,270.72	-0-
Town Garage	-0-	7,700.00	750.00	8,450.00	8,400.79	-0-	49.21	-0-
Old Town Hall	-0-	4,400.00	456.59	4,856.59	4,856.59	-0-	-0-	-0-
Highway Garage Erection	18,138.83	-0-	-0-	18,138.83	17,871.92	-0-	266.91	-0-
Council on Aging-Wage	-0-	5,460.00	-0-	5,460.00	5,286.50	-0-	173.50	-0-
Council on Aging-Expense	-0-	2,925.00	-0-	2,925.00	2,906.83	-0-	18.17	-0-
Historian-Archivist-Expense	-0-	500.00	-0-	500.00	268.70	-0-	231.30	-0-
Industrial Development Commission	-0-	100.00	-0-	100.00	-0-	-0-	100.00	-0-
Historical Commission	-0-	200.00	-0-	200.00	20.00	-0-	180.00	-0-
Bicentennial Commission	219.52	2,245.00	1,656.96	4,121.48	2,716.42	-0-	1,405.06	1,405.06
PUBLIC SAFETY								
Police Department-Chief's Salary	-0-	13,708.00	-0-	13,708.00	13,708.00	-0-	-0-	-0-
Police Department-Patrolmen's Salaries	-0-	17,600.00	-0-	17,600.00	17,027.10	-0-	572.90	-0-
Police Department-Wage	-0-	34,745.45	1,500.00	36,245.45	36,245.45	-0-	-0-	-0-
Police Department-Expense	-0-	18,000.00	1,400.00	19,400.00	19,395.50	-0-	4.50	-0-
Police Department-Cruiser	-0-	3,800.00	844.05	4,644.05	4,644.05	-0-	-0-	-0-
Police Regional Radio System	-0-	623.00	-0-	623.00	623.00	-0-	-0-	-0-
Payroll-Ambulance Training	-0-	771.80	-0-	771.80	771.80	-0-	-0-	-0-
Fire Department-Chief's Salary	-0-	800.00	-0-	800.00	800.00	-0-	-0-	-0-
Fire Department-Wage	-0-	3,250.00	-0-	3,250.00	3,233.00	-0-	17.00	-0-
Fire Department-Expense	-0-	6,000.00	-0-	6,000.00	5,949.09	-0-	50.91	-0-

Hydrant Service	-0-	5,675.00	550.00	6,225.00	6,225.00	-0-	-0-	-0-
Water Storage Holes	-0-	300.00	-0-	300.00	-0-	-0-	300.00	-0-
Sealer of Weights & Measures	-0-	455.00	-0-	455.00	454.91	-0-	.09	-0-
Dog Officer-Expense	-0-	1,000.00	125.00	1,125.00	1,114.50	-0-	10.50	-0-
Insect Pest Control-Wage	-0-	100.00	-0-	100.00	97.50	-0-	2.50	-0-
Insect Pest Control-Expense	-0-	1,350.00	-0-	1,350.00	1,340.90	-0-	9.10	-0-
Dutch Elm Disease-Wage	-0-	2,000.00	-0-	2,000.00	1,235.00	-0-	765.00	-0-
Dutch Elm Disease-Expense	-0-	1,100.00	-0-	1,100.00	672.50	-0-	427.50	-0-
Tree Warden-Wage	-0-	2,000.00	-0-	2,000.00	1,946.50	-0-	53.50	-0-
Tree Warden-Expense	-0-	1,500.00	-0-	1,500.00	1,444.71	-0-	55.29	-0-
Wiring Inspector	-0-	1,400.00	600.71	2,000.71	2,000.71	-0-	-0-	-0-
Building Inspector-Salary	-0-	150.00	-0-	150.00	150.00	-0-	-0-	-0-
Building Inspector-Wage	-0-	4,500.00	-0-	4,500.00	3,169.50	-0-	1,330.50	-0-
Building Inspector-Expense	-0-	1,000.00	-0-	1,000.00	493.45	-0-	506.55	-0-
Gas Inspector	-0-	-0-	50.00	50.00	-0-	-0-	50.00	-0-
Civil Defense-Salary	-0-	350.00	-0-	350.00	350.00	-0-	-0-	-0-
Civil Defense-Expense	-0-	375.00	84.00	459.00	451.00	-0-	7.60	-0-
Forestry Management Plan	-0-	-0-	750.00	750.00	750.00	-0-	-0-	-0-

HEALTH AND SANITATION

Board of Health-Salaries	-0-	700.00	-0-	700.00	700.00	-0-	-0-	-0-
Board of Health-Wage	-0-	2,900.00	47.00	2,947.00	2,947.00	-0-	-0-	-0-
Board of Health-Expense	-0-	7,908.00	-0-	7,908.00	5,458.37	-0-	2,449.63	-0-
Sewer Commissioners-Salaries	-0-	950.00	-0-	950.00	950.00	-0-	-0-	-0-
Sewer Maintenance-1976	-0-	40,000.00	-0-	40,000.00	17,745.98	20,000.00	2,254.02	-0-
Sewer Construction and Engineering	-0-	20,000.00	-0-	20,000.00	-0-	-0-	20,000.00	20,000.00
Town Dump	-0-	14,400.00	-0-	14,400.00	8,957.98	-0-	5,442.02	-0-
Town Dump Encumbered	1,250.00	-0-	-0-	1,250.00	1,250.00	-0-	-0-	-0-

HIGHWAYS

Highways-Superintendent's Salary	-0-	11,822.00	-0-	11,822.00	11,822.00	-0-	-0-	-0-
Highways-General	-0-	50,800.00	-0-	50,800.00	49,255.98	640.00	904.02	-0-
Highways-Sick Leave	-0-	5,500.00	-0-	5,500.00	3,434.60	-0-	2,065.40	-0-
Highways-Vacation Leave	-0-	3,000.00	-0-	3,000.00	2,788.73	-0-	211.27	-0-
Highways-Chapter 90 I	9,000.00	-0-	-0-	9,000.00	-0-	9,000.00	-0-	-0-
Highways-Chapter 90 C 1974	23,681.14	1,500.00	19,808.00	44,989.14	23,681.14	21,308.00	-0-	-0-
Highways-Chapter 765	-0-	15,000.00	88,256.00	103,256.00	78,532.88	19,808.00	4,915.12	4,915.12
Highways-Chapter 825	-0-	33,425.00	-0-	33,425.00	33,416.61	-0-	8.39	8.39
Highways-Streets	-0-	15,000.00	-0-	15,000.00	14,904.47	-0-	95.53	-0-
Highways-Sidewalks	-0-	4,000.00	-0-	4,000.00	3,999.90	-0-	.10	-0-
Highways-Bridges	-0-	8,000.00	882.05	8,882.05	8,871.77	-0-	10.28	-0-
Highways-Snow Removal	-0-	57,000.00	-0-	57,000.00	54,480.53	-0-	2,519.47	-0-
Highways-Road Machinery Expense	-0-	18,300.00	2,221.36	20,521.36	20,521.36	-0-	-0-	-0-
Highways-Engineering Services	-0-	2,000.00	-0-	2,000.00	1,766.57	-0-	233.43	-0-
Highways-Street Lighting	-0-	12,709.58	-0-	12,709.58	12,511.82	-0-	197.76	-0-
Highways-Tag a Long Trailer	-0-	5,000.00	-0-	5,000.00	3,250.00	-0-	1,750.00	-0-
Highways-Tractor Loader	-0-	28,200.00	-0-	28,200.00	28,200.00	-0-	-0-	-0-
Highways-Dump Truck	-0-	9,000.00	-0-	9,000.00	8,695.00	-0-	305.00	-0-
Highways-Snow Plow	-0-	1,800.00	-0-	1,800.00	1,697.65	-0-	102.35	-0-
Highways-Pavement Striper	-0-	3,500.00	-0-	3,500.00	2,500.00	-0-	1,000.00	-0-

VETERANS' SERVICES

Veterans' Agent-Salary	-0-	2,000.00	-0-	2,000.00	2,000.00	-0-	-0-	-0-
Veterans' Agent-Wage & Expense	-0-	800.00	-0-	800.00	585.93	-0-	214.07	-0-
Veterans' Benefits	-0-	25,000.00	1,128.50	26,128.50	19,848.57	-0-	6,279.93	2,324.89

SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES

School Department-1000	-0-	41,162.00	50.00	41,212.00	40,230.46	975.00	6.54	-0-
School Department-1000 Out of State Travel	-0-	200.00	-0-	200.00	200.00	-0-	-0-	-0-
School Department-2000	-0-	1,076,627.00	172.04	1,076,799.04	974,058.57	3,510.00	99,230.47	99,225.13
School Department-Encumbered Salaries	90,409.99	-0-	.01	90,410.00	90,410.00	-0-	-0-	-0-
School Department-2000 Out of State Travel	-0-	1,720.00	-0-	1,720.00	861.60	-0-	858.40	-0-
School Department-3000	-0-	156,151.00	-0-	156,151.00	141,944.28	9,370.00	4,836.72	4,828.90
School Department-Encumbered Salaries	1,391.19	-0-	-0-	1,391.19	1,391.19	-0-	-0-	-0-
School Department-Encumbered Transport.	2,317.74	-0-	-0-	2,317.74	2,317.74	-0-	-0-	-0-
School Department-4000	-0-	241,508.00	20,249.20	261,757.20	261,613.31	-0-	143.89	-0-
School Department-4000 Encumbered	582.00	-0-	-0-	582.00	582.00	-0-	-0-	-0-
School Department-7000	-0-	6,526.00	-0-	6,526.00	6,411.29	114.00	.71	-0-

School Department-9000	-0	40,840.00	-0	40,840.00	32,290.65	6,470.00	2,079.35	2,070.00
School Department-9000 Encumbered Trans.	2,070.00	-0	-0	2,070.00	2,070.00	-0	-0	-0
Photo Musicale	-0	851.60	-0	851.60	-0	-0	851.60	-0
School Department-Balance Scales	-0	480.00	-0	480.00	-0	-0	480.00	480.00
Clapp Memorial Library-Wage	-0	6,777.70	-0	6,777.70	6,777.70	-0	-0	-0
Clapp Memorial Library-Expense	-0	6,949.99	-0	6,949.99	6,949.99	-0	-0	-0

RECREATION AND UNCLASSIFIED

Recreation Director-Salary	-0	7,644.00	-0	7,644.00	7,644.00	-0	-0	-0
Parks, Beach, Recreation-Wage	-0	6,565.00	-0	6,565.00	5,991.27	-0	573.73	-0
Parks, Beach, Recreation-Expense	-0	6,837.00	825.15	7,662.15	7,591.23	-0	70.92	-0
Unclassified Account	-0	2,100.00	500.00	2,600.00	2,131.70	-0	468.30	-0
Unpaid Bills	-0	1,112.08	-0	1,112.08	1,112.08	-0	-0	-0
Printing Town Report	-0	3,300.00	-0	3,300.00	1,850.50	-0	1,449.50	-0
Patriotic Exercises	-0	300.00	-0	300.00	281.52	-0	18.48	-0
Group Life-Town Appropriation	-0	1,321.76	275.00	1,596.76	1,550.53	43.46	2.77	-0
Blue Cross-Blue Shield-Town Appropriation	-0	37,530.84	-0	37,530.84	36,748.70	782.14	-0	-0
Pensions	-0	29,205.04	-0	29,205.04	29,020.80	-0	184.24	-0
Pathfinder-Operating and Capital	-0	140,156.73	-0	140,156.73	119,274.05	-0	20,882.68	-0
Reserve Fund	-0	15,000.00	-0	15,000.00	-0	13,473.10	1,526.90	-0
Insurance Account	-0	39,438.00	-0	39,438.00	39,036.00	-0	402.00	-0
Town Clock	-0	400.00	350.00	750.00	750.00	-0	-0	-0
Town Common	-0	3,200.00	-0	3,200.00	2,124.05	-0	1,075.95	-0
Town Common-Fire Hydrant Payroll	-0	702.75	-0	702.75	702.75	-0	-0	-0
Town Common-Paving Payroll	-0	934.80	-0	934.80	934.80	-0	-0	-0
Purchase of Cemetery Land	1.00	-0	-0	1.00	-0	-0	1.00	1.00
Cemetery Commissioners-Salaries	-0	600.00	-0	600.00	600.00	-0	-0	-0
Cemetery Commissioners-Wage	-0	1,500.00	206.55	1,706.55	1,706.55	-0	-0	-0
Cemetery Commissioners-Expense	-0	8,500.50	771.25	9,271.75	9,271.75	-0	-0	-0
Veterans' Graves	-0	300.00	-0	300.00	256.00	-0	44.00	-0
Interest	-0	21,857.50	-0	21,857.50	17,793.64	-0	4,063.86	-0
Maturing Debt	-0	45,000.00	-0	45,000.00	45,000.00	-0	-0	-0

\$150,747.18 \$2,667,457.12 \$146,948.64 \$2,965,152.94 \$2,635,308.83 \$106,672.36 \$223,171.75 \$148,503.61





1976 Jury Service List

Name	Address	Date Drawn	Jury Service
(Following jurors drawn from 1975-1976 List)			
McQuillan, Robert E. Jr.	363 Old Enfield Rd.	January 12, 1976	Traverse Juror
Wilson, Robert A.	209 Federal St.	January 12, 1976	Traverse Juror
Wallace, Pauline L.	262 Bay Rd.	February 24, 1976	Traverse Juror
Wegiel, William F.	109 Federal St.	February 24, 1976	Traverse Juror
Gingras, Edmond M.	250 State St.	April 20, 1976	Traverse Juror
Jenks, Lawrence E.	231 Warren Wright Rd.	April 20, 1976	Traverse Juror
(Following jurors drawn from 1976-1977 list)			
Atkins, Ruth L.	256 Sabin St.	August 9, 1976	Traverse Juror
Britt, Donald W.	94 Wilson Rd.	August 9, 1976	Traverse Juror
Wadsworth, Walter	188 North St.	September 7, 1976	Traverse Juror
Farnham, Warren H., III	189 Michael Sears Rd.	September 7, 1976	Traverse Juror
Greule, George D.	84 Old Enfield Rd.	September 7, 1976	Traverse Juror
Howard, Charles F.	82 Jackson St.	October 18, 1976	Traverse Juror
Kopacz, David F.	35 Fletcher Avenue	October 18, 1976	Traverse Juror
Scott, Sharon M.	37 State St.	December 20, 1976	Grand Juror
Evans, Frances M.	11 Cottage St.	December 20, 1976	Traverse Juror

Action taken at the Special Town Meeting held

February 26, 1976

Moderator—Joseph R. White

Registered voters present—59 (Quorum required—25)

Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m.

The Clerk read the Return of the Warrant.

Article I. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$15,000.00 to the Snow Removal Account. (Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Article II. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$1,500.00 to the Highways—Chapter 90 Construction 1974 Account pending reimbursement from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts under the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 497, Acts of 1971. (Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Article III. Voted to appropriate from Public Law #92-512 (Federal Revenue Sharing) Entitlement Period 5 the sum of \$348.68 to purchase a desk and chair for the Town Collector's office. (Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Article IV. Voted to appropriate from Public Law #92-512 (Federal Revenue Sharing) Entitlement Period 5 the sum of \$6,500.00 to pave, berm and landscape the municipal parking lot on the Belchertown Common. (Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Article V. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$500.00 for consultant services for the purpose of procuring State and Federal grant monies for the Town of Belchertown. (Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Article VI. Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Department of Mental Health, a parcel of land with existing structure or structures located at the intersection of George Hannum Street and Hamilton Street, containing approximately 10.8 acres of land, formerly known as Colony Farm 2—Belchertown Poor Farm. Said parcel and structure or structures to be used for the purpose of municipal recreation and conservation. (Vote—Majority Yes)

(In action on this article, a motion was made to amend the original motion by striking the last sentence of said motion containing the words "Said parcel and structure or structures to be used for the purpose of a community center and related activities by the residents of the Town of Belchertown and the residents of the Belchertown State School." Following the motion for this amendment the Board of Selectmen requested a short recess for discussion with the Finance Committee. The Moderator declared a five minute recess to permit this discussion, following which the meeting was again called to order. The originator of the motion to amend requested permission to withdraw his motion and the Moderator granted this request.

A motion was then made and seconded to amend the original motion by striking the last sentence and substituting in its place the sentence "Said parcel and structure or structures to be used for the purpose of municipal recreation and conservation." The vote on the adoption of the amendment was passed unanimously.

Article VII. Voted to accept as public ways those Streets or Roads known as Ledgewood Drive, Ledgewood Circle, and Forest Road as they are more particularly shown on plans of land recorded with the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in plan Book 93 page 1, and the amended plan in plan Book 92 page 99; and in plan Book 94 page 69, the descriptions of which as appearing on said plans are incorporated by reference herein. (Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Article VIII. Voted to accept as a public way that Street or Road known as Chadbourne Street as it is more particularly shown on a plan of land recorded with the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in plan Book 74 page 53, the description of which as appearing on said plan is incorporated by reference herein. (Vote—Unanimous Yes)

(In action on this article, a motion and second was made midway in the discussion to "move the question". This motion did not carry.)

Voted to dissolve this meeting at 9:45 p.m.

Attest:

Carl Peterson Jr.

Town Clerk

Action taken at the Special Town Meeting held

April 5, 1976

Moderator—Joseph R. White

Registered voters present—81 (Quorum required—25)

Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m.

The Clerk read the Return of the Warrant.

Article I. Voted to appropriate from the Road Machinery Earnings Account the sum of \$1,000.00 to the Road Machinery Expense Account. (Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Article II. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$201.55 to pay the following bill incurred in fiscal 1974: Belchertown Pharmacy—\$201.55. (Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Article III. Voted to appropriate from Public Law #92-512 (Federal Revenue Sharing) Entitlement Period 6, the sum of \$6,500.00 for the purpose of installing an additional fire hydrant at the southeast corner of the Town Common by extending the present water line from the existing fire hydrant on the easterly side of the Town Common. (Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Article IV. Voted to appropriate from the Insurance Recovery—Balance Scales Account the sum of \$480.00

to replace chemical balance scales stolen from the School Department. (Vote—Unanimous Yes)
Voted to dissolve this meeting at 7:39 p.m.

Attest:
Carl J. Peterson, Jr. —
Town Clerk

Action taken at the Annual Town Meeting held

April 5, 1976

Moderator—Joseph R. White
Registered voters present—261 (Quorum required—25)

Meeting called to order at 8:00 p.m.

The Clerk read the Return of the Warrant

The Star Spangled Banner was played by the Belchertown Jr. Sr. High School Band under the direction of Mr. Lee Corneille. Invocation given by Rev. Bradford R. Purdy.

Mr. Gerry Whitlock representing the Board of Selectmen presented three awards. The Outstanding Citizen Award was presented to Mrs. Blanche Joyal in recognition of her services in community and Veterans' Organizations. Plaques expressing appreciation for services rendered were presented to two retiring members of the Board of Selectmen—William H. Squires, Jr. who had served for twelve years and Arthur J. Moriarty who had served for six years.

Article I. Nominated and elected Mrs. Janet L. Wood and Mrs. Virginia M. Hislop as Almoners of the Whiting Street and the Mrs. Susan M.D. Bridgman Funds, each for one year; and Kenneth H. Snow as Trustee of the Calvin Bridgman Fund for three years. (Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Article II. Voted to accept the reports of the Officers of the Town, excepting the report of the Finance Committee. (Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Article III. On the Article—To see if the Town will vote to appropriate to the Clapp Memorial Library Expense Account the dog license refunds of 1975, or take any action relative thereto. **It was voted to take no action on this article.** (Voted—Unanimous Yes)

Article IV. Voted to authorize the Assessors, the Cemetery Commissioners, the Sewer Commissioners, and the Tree Warden to appoint themselves to work in their various departments for the ensuing fiscal year, at rates not exceeding the following:

Assessors	\$3.50
Cemetery Commissioners	3.50
Sewer Commissioners	3.50
Tree Warden	3.50

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Article V. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$18,000.00 for improvements of the

following streets, all public ways: Summit Street, Ludlow Road, Gulf Road, Sabin Street, Juckett Hill Road, Blue Meadow Road, Jensen Road, Bardwell Street, Green Avenue pending reimbursement from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts under the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 497, Acts of 1971. (Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Article VI. Voted to appropriate from General Laws Chapter 825, Section 1, Acts of 1974, the sum of \$33,425.00 for Highway Maintenance, pending reimbursement from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts under the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 497, Acts of 1971 (Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Article VII. Voted to appropriate the sum of \$71,949.63 for Chapter 765, Acts of 1972, Highway Construction, the sum of \$15,141.63 is to be appropriated from General Laws, Chapter 1140, Section 20, Acts of 1973, and the balance thereof \$56,808.00 is to be borrowed by the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, under General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 6A, pending reimbursement from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts under the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 497, Acts of 1971. (Vote—Majority Yes) (Vote by show of hands—196 yes, 2 no)

Article VIII. Voted to increase the cost of a cemetery grave to the sum of \$50.00, to be apportioned as follows: \$35.00 for the grave and \$15.00 for perpetual care. (Vote—Unanimous Yes)

(Before the vote was taken on this Article, it was explained to the Meeting that in the Warrant Article, the word "lot" had been used to mean "a single grave".)

Article IX. Voted to accept and adopt the proposed Personnel By-Law, copies of which are located in the office of the Town Clerk and available for inspection by the public during regular office hours and which is incorporated herein by reference, for the purpose of implementing a compensation plan applicable to all persons in the service of employment of the Town of Belchertown, except officials elected by popular vote, and persons under the direction and control of the School Committee, pursuant to the authority granted in Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 21A, and Chapter 41, Sections 108A and 108C. (Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Article X. Voted to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning July 1, 1976, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17. (Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Article XI. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$400.00 to the Conservation

Fund for the use of the Conservation Commission.
(Vote—Majority Yes)

Article XII. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$2,000.00 to be used by the Assessors for legal counsel in resolving court tax cases. (Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Article XIII. Voted to appropriate from the State Aid to Libraries Account the sum of \$2,226.00 to the Clapp Memorial Library Expense Account. (Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Article XIV. Voted to appropriate from the Reserve Fund-Overlay Surplus Account the sum of \$13,383.00 to the Reserve Fund for the use of the Finance Committee. (Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Article XV. Voted to accept from the Belchertown Farmers' and Mechanics' Club all their rights, title and interest in and to the bandstand, located on the Town Common, with the stipulation that title to the same shall always remain in the name of the Inhabitants of the Town of Belchertown. (Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Article XVI. Voted to appropriate from Public Law #92-512 (Federal Revenue Sharing) Entitlement Period 2, the sum of \$.72; Entitlement Period 3, the sum of \$136.13; Entitlement Period 4, the sum of \$555.52; Entitlement Period 5, the sum of \$32,653.71; Entitlement Period 6, the sum of \$22,881.92 for the following capital expenditures:

Highway Department

Pickup truck, ent. 2, 3, 4, 5	\$3,948.00
Hoist, ent. 5	5,000.00
Hydraulic jack, ent. 5	185.00
Air wrench with attachments, ent. 5	335.00
Tire cage, ent. 5	100.00
Chain saw, ent. 5	200.00
Bench grinder, ent. 5	200.00

Fire Department

Hose, ent. 5	800.00
Respiratory Air Purification System (including equipping and installation) ent. 5	10,000.00

Police Department

Radios, ent. 5	2,200.00
Guns, ent. 5	1,150.00
Breathalyzer Training Course, ent. 5	285.00
Ambulance, ent. 6	20,000.00

Dog Officer—Trap and Catchers, ent. 5 200.00
Selectmen

File Cabinet, ent. 5	150.00
Desk Lamp, ent. 5	50.00

Assessors—Map Cabinet, ent. 5 200.00

Zoning Officer—File Cabinet, ent. 5 125.00

Lawrence Memorial Hall

Front Doors, ent. 6	1,250.00
Roof, ent. 5	8,000.00

Building Inspector—file cabinet, ent. 5 175.00

Veterans' Agent—file cabinet, ent. 5 and 6 175.00

Town Safe Study, ent. 6 500.00

Bandstand—renovations and repairs, ent. 6 1,000.00

\$56,228.00

(Vote—Majority Yes)

(Prior to the vote on this Article, it was explained that under the Police Dept. an ambulance was included which was not mentioned in the Warrant.

In conjunction with the action on this Article, a motion to amend by deleting the appropriation for the Lawrence Memorial Hall-Front Doors was defeated by a majority vote.)

Article XVII. On the Article—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from available funds in the treasury a sum of money to purchase and equip a new ambulance, or take any action relative thereto, **it was voted to take no action on this article** inasmuch as the ambulance had been included in the vote on the preceding article. (Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Article XVIII. On the Article—To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds in the treasury a sum of money to be used by the Assessors to reduce the tax rate, or take any action relative thereto, **it was voted to take no action on this article.** (Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Article XIX. Voted to appropriate from the Sale of Cemetery Lots Account the sum of \$950.00 to the Cemetery Commissioners' Expense Account. (Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Article XX. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$1,000.00 to purchase and equip a breathalyzer for the Police Department, pending reimbursement from the Governor's Highway Safety Bureau. (Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Article XXI. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$140,995.39 to pay the Town's apportioned share of the capital budget, the operating and maintenance budget, and the evening school budget of the Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District. (Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Article XXII. Voted to fix the salaries and compensation of all elected officers of the Town, as provided for by Section 108 of Chapter 41 of the General Laws, as amended; and to raise and appropriate, or appropriate from available funds in the treasury, money for departmental and incidental expenses of the Town for the ensuing fiscal year; and that the various major categories of the budget as contained in the Finance Committee's report be considered separately and acted upon; and further that these sums of money granted and appropriated for the several specific purposes therein designated, be expended only for these purposes as specifically designated under the direction of the respective officers, boards and committees of the Town. (Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Article XXII. (a) Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$162,781.00 for General Government, each item

and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Vote—Majority Yes)

(In connection with this vote, **Item 7, Assessors: Wages-Other** was amended by changing from \$1,750.00 to \$3,500.00; and **Assessors: Expense** amended by changing \$7,755.00 to \$8,755.00. The amendment was carried by a majority vote.

Item 12, Engineering Services/Zoning Enforcement: Salary was amended by changing from \$1,000.00 to \$8,965.00. This amendment was carried by a majority vote.)

The vote on the entire article (a) as amended was majority yes.

Article XXII. (b) Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$124,082.00 for Protection of Persons and Property, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Article XXII. (c) Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$59,375.00 for Health and Sanitation, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Vote—Majority Yes)

(In connection with this vote, **Item 35, Sanitary Landfill Area: Wages** was amended by changing from \$11,400.00 to \$15,200.00. The amendment was carried by a majority vote.)

The vote on the entire article (c) as amended was majority yes.

Article XXII. (d) Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$170,671.00 for Highways and Sidewalks, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Vote—Unanimous Yes)

At this point in the Meeting, the Moderator declared a short recess (from 10:40 p.m. to 10:50 p.m.)

Article XXII. (e) Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,500.00 for the Veterans' Department, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Article XXII. (f) Voted to appropriate the sum of \$1,686,857.00 to defray the following itemized expenses of the School Department:

Administration	\$41,936.00
Administration—Out of State Travel	200.00
Instruction	1,182,229.00
Instruction—Out of State Travel	1,790.00
Other School Services	161,509.00
Operation and Maintenance	258,453.00
Fixed Assets	0
Programs with Other Schools	40,740.00
and to meet said appropriation the sum of \$22,437.60 is	

to be appropriated from unexpended funds in the Public Law #864 Account, \$7,900.00 is to be appropriated from unexpended funds in the Public Law #874 Account and the balance thereof to wit: \$1,656,519.40 is to be raised by taxation. (Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Article XXII. (g) Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,275.00 for the Clapp Memorial Library, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Article XXII. (h) Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$21,000.00 for Parks, Beach and Recreation, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Article XXII. (i) Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$141,168.00 for Pensions and Insurance, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Article XXII. (j) Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,247.00 for Unclassified Items, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Vote—Majority Yes)

(In connection with this vote, a motion was made to amend **Item 52, Unclassified Items: C. Unclassified Account: Wages** by changing from 0 to \$3,000.00. The amendment did not pass.

Article XXII. (k) Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,400.00 for Cemeteries, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Article XXII. (l) Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$65,463.00 for Interest and Maturing Debt, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Article XXIII. Voted to appropriate from Public Law #92-512 (Federal Revenue Sharing) Entitlement Period 6, the sum of \$50,000.00 to construct a building at the rear of the Junior-Senior High School to house the Junior-Senior High School Band, and that in connection with said appropriation that the Town Moderator appoint, within 14 days from the date hereof, a committee of six, to consist of five voting members and one non-voting advisory member, said five voting members to be residents of the Town of Belchertown; the purpose of said committee to approve any and all plans for construction of said building and to make such proper expenditures in connection therewith,

that in their sole judgment shall be reasonable and necessary. (Vote—Majority Yes)

Article XXIV. On the Article—To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Public Law #92-512 (Federal Revenue Sharing) Entitlement Periods 6 and 7, a sum of money to purchase all land and buildings currently owned by Quabbin Industries, Inc., located on Everett Avenue in Belchertown, or take any action relative thereto, **it was voted to take no action on this article.** (Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Article XXV. On the Motion that the Town accept the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the construction of nuclear power plants has created an unpredictable and unmanageable hazard to the safety of the people and the land of western Massachusetts, and that new evidence continues to show that the utility companies, their contractors, and the federally sponsored Nuclear Regulatory Commission have subordinated the safety of the public to the demand for continued expansion

and profit; and

WHEREAS, no agency of the people has authority to control abuses by utility companies or to prevent withholding or falsifying of information about nuclear hazards,

WE THE UNDERSIGNED, petition that the citizens of Belchertown at its next town meeting go on record as demanding a moratorium on the construction of nuclear power plants, to be effective indefinitely or until such time that the citizens of Belchertown deem that the safety of the people is assured;

FURTHER, that this demand be sent to our respective Massachusetts and United States representatives, **the vote was Majority No. The Motion did not carry.**

Voted to dissolve this meeting at 11:35 p.m.

Attest:

Carl J. Peterson, Jr.
Town Clerk

Certification of Appropriations

TOWN OF Belchertown
TOWN MEETING HELD April 5, 1976

Art No. Budget Or Dept.	Total Appropri.	From Tax Levy	From Free Cash	From oth. Av. Funds	Rev. Borrowing Sharing	
1. None	—	—	—	—	—	—
2. None	—	—	—	—	—	—
3. None	—	—	—	—	—	—
4. None	—	—	—	—	—	—
5. Pub. Ways, Sundry, Impr. (9)	18,000.00	—	18,000.00	—	—	—
6. Highway Maintenance	33,425.00	—	—	33,425.00	—	—
7. Chap. 765, Highways Constr.	71,949.63	—	—	15,141.63	—	56,808.00
8. None	—	—	—	—	—	—
9. None	—	—	—	—	—	—
10. None	—	—	—	—	—	—
11. Conservation Fund	400.00	—	400.00	—	—	—
12. Assessors-Legal Counsel	2,000.00	—	2,000.00	—	—	—
13. Clapp Mem. Lib.-Exp. Acct.	2,226.00	—	—	2,226.00	—	—
14. Res. Fund for use of Fin. Com.	13,383.00	—	—	13,383.00	—	—
15. None	—	—	—	—	—	—
16. Capital Expenditures	56,228.00	—	—	—	Ent.2-.72; 3- 136.13 4- 555.52 5-32,653.71 6-22,881.92	—
17. None	—	—	—	—	—	—
18. None	—	—	—	—	—	—
19. Cem. Comm. Exp. Account	950.00	—	—	950.00	—	—
20. Breathal.-Pol. Dept.	1,000.00	—	1,000.00	—	—	—
21. Pathfinder Reg. Voc. Tech. H.S. Dist-(capital budget, oper. & maint. budget, & evening school budget)	140,995.39	140,995.39	—	—	—	—

22. Itemized Budgets

(a) General Government (Total)	162,781.00					
1. Moderator, expense	—	25.00	—	—	—	—
2. Selectmen, salaries						
(Chmn 1200.00; 4 / 1000.00)	—	5,200.00	—	—	—	—
expense	—	4,450.00	—	—	—	—
3. Accountant & Administrative						
Secretary: Salary-Acct/Admin. Sec.	—	9,292.00	—	—	—	—
Wages-Assist. Accountant	—	7,658.00	—	—	—	—
Wages-Other	—	0	—	—	—	—
Expense	—	1,550.00	—	—	—	—
Out of State Travel	—	200.00	—	—	—	—
4. Town Treasurer: Salary-Treas.	—	4,180.00	—	—	—	—
Wages-Asst. Treasurer	—	4,333.00	—	—	—	—
-Sr. Clerk	—	2,306.00	—	—	—	—
-Jr. Clerk	—	893.00	—	—	—	—
-Other	—	0	—	—	—	—
Expense	—	2,640.00	—	—	—	—
5. Tax Collector: Salary-Collector	—	4,620.00	—	—	—	—
Wages-Deputy Collector 1	—	3,467.00	—	—	—	—
-Deputy Collector 2	—	3,075.00	—	—	—	—
-Jr. Clerk	—	2,976.00	—	—	—	—
-Other	—	0	—	—	—	—
Expense	—	3,525.00	—	—	—	—
6. Town Clerk: Salary-Clerk	—	2,200.00	—	—	—	—
Wages-Asst. Clerk	—	2,306.00	—	—	—	—
-Sr. Clerk	—	867.00	—	—	—	—
-Jr. Clerk	—	2,083.00	—	—	—	—
-Other	—	0	—	—	—	—
Expense	—	1,523.00	—	—	—	—
7. Assessors: Sal. (Chmn-1000;2/800.)	—	2,600.00	—	—	—	—
Wages-Office Manager	—	8,457.00	—	—	—	—
-Junior Clerk	—	6,950.00	—	—	—	—
-Other	—	3,500.00	—	—	—	—
Expense	—	8,755.00	—	—	—	—
Equipment	—	0	—	—	—	—
8. Law Account	—	4,600.00	—	—	—	—
9. Finance Committee Expense	—	200.00	—	—	—	—
10. Election & Registration:						
Salary	—	150.00	—	—	—	—
Wages	—	6,500.00	—	—	—	—
Expenses	—	1,000.00	—	—	—	—
11. Planning Board:						
Salary	—	0	—	—	—	—
Wages	—	2,000.00	—	—	—	—
Expenses	—	2,150.00	—	—	—	—
Equipment	—	0	—	—	—	—
Out of State Travel	—	50.00	—	—	—	—
12. Eng. Serv./Zoning Enforc.:						
Salary	—	8,965.00	—	—	—	—
Expenses/Prof. Eng.	—	2,500.00	—	—	—	—
Out of State Travel	—	0	—	—	—	—
13. Zoning Board of Appeals:						
Wages	—	900.00	—	—	—	—
Expense	—	400.00	—	—	—	—
14. Conservation Commission:						
Wages	—	100.00	—	—	—	—

Expenses	—	145.00	—	—	—	—
15. Council on Aging:						
Wages	—	10,920.00	—	—	—	—
Expenses	—	4,770.00	—	—	—	—
16. Industr. & Dev. Commission:	—	100.00	—	—	—	—
17. Historical Commission:	—	100.00	—	—	—	—
18. Bicentennial Commission:	—	0	—	—	—	—
19. Municipal Buildings & Prop.:						
A. Lawrence Memorial Hall:						
Wages	—	950.00	—	—	—	—
Expense	—	2,050.00	—	—	—	—
B. Town Garage	—	6,900.00	—	—	—	—
C. Old Town Hall	—	4,000.00	—	—	—	—
D. Town Common	—	3,300.00	—	—	—	—
E. Town Clock	—	400.00	—	—	—	—
(b) Prot. of Pers. & Prop. (Total)	124,082.00					
20. Police Department:						
Salary-Chief	—	14,515.00	—	—	—	—
-(2) Patrolmen	—	0	—	—	—	—
Wages-Full time-(2) Patr.	—	18,636.00	—	—	—	—
Part time	—	33,850.00	—	—	—	—
Expenses	—	23,000.00	—	—	—	—
21. Fire Department: Salary-Chief	—	900.00	—	—	—	—
Wages	—	3,250.00	—	—	—	—
Expenses	—	5,400.00	—	—	—	—
22. Hydrant Service:	—	5,875.00	—	—	—	—
23. Water Storage Holes:	—	300.00	—	—	—	—
24. Sealer of Weights & Measures:						
Salary	—	325.00	—	—	—	—
Expenses	—	130.00	—	—	—	—
25. Dog Officer: Wages	—	800.00	—	—	—	—
Expense	—	200.00	—	—	—	—
26. Wiring Inspector: Wages	—	1,750.00	—	—	—	—
Expenses	—	250.00	—	—	—	—
27. Building Inspector: Salary	—	450.00	—	—	—	—
Wages	—	4,000.00	—	—	—	—
Expenses	—	955.00	—	—	—	—
28. Gas Inspector: Wages	—	50.00	—	—	—	—
Expenses	—	50.00	—	—	—	—
29. Civil Defense: Salary	—	350.00	—	—	—	—
Expenses	—	260.00	—	—	—	—
Equipment	—	0	—	—	—	—
30. Insect Pest Contr.: Wages	—	0	—	—	—	—
Expenses	—	1,515.00	—	—	—	—
31. Dutch Elm Disease: Wages	—	2,050.00	—	—	—	—
Expenses	—	1,143.00	—	—	—	—
32. Tree Warden: Wages	—	2,275.00	—	—	—	—
Expenses	—	1,803.00	—	—	—	—
(c) Health and Sanit. (Total)	59,375.00					
33. Board of Health: Salary						
(Chmn-300.; 2 at 200.)	—	700.00	—	—	—	—
Wages	—	3,550.00	—	—	—	—
Expense	—	7,450.00	—	—	—	—
34. Sewer Maintenance: Salary						
(Chmn-450.; 2 at 400.)	—	1,250.00	—	—	—	—
Wages	—	2,500.00	—	—	—	—
Expenses	—	28,500.00	—	—	—	—

35. Sanitary Landfill Area:

Wages	—	15,200.00	—	—	—	—
Expenses	—	225.00	—	—	—	—

(d) Highways & Sidewalks (Total) 170,671.00

36. Highways-Superintendent Salary	—	12,202.00	—	—	—	—
37. General: Wages	—	30,000.00	—	—	—	—
Expenses	—	25,400.00	—	—	—	—
38. Sick Leave	—	0	—	—	—	—
39. Vacation Pay	—	0	—	—	—	—
40. Benefits	—	11,200.00	—	—	—	—
41. Sidewalks	—	5,000.00	—	—	—	—
42. Bridges & Culverts	—	12,000.00	—	—	—	—
43. Snow Removal	—	45,000.00	—	—	—	—
44. Street Lighting	—	12,869.00	—	—	—	—
45. Road Machinery Expense	—	17,000.00	—	—	—	—

(e) Veterans' Department (Total) 30,500.00

46. Veterans' Department: Salary	—	2,100.00	—	—	—	—
Wages	—	800.00	—	—	—	—
Expenses	—	100.00	—	—	—	—
Benefits	—	27,500.00	—	—	—	—

(f) School Department (Total) 1,686,857.00

47. Schools						
1000 Administration	—	41,936.00	—	—	—	—
Out of State Travel	—	200.00	—	—	—	—
2000 Instruction	—	1,151,891.40	—	22,437.60 (P.L. 864)	—	—
				7,900.00 (P.L. 874)	—	—
Out of State Travel	—	1,790.00	—	—	—	—
3000 Other School Services	—	161,509.00	—	—	—	—
4000 Operation & Maintenance	—	258,453.00	—	—	—	—
7000 Fixed Assets	—	0	—	—	—	—
9000 Programs with Oth. Schools	—	40,740.00	—	—	—	—

(g) Clapp Memorial Library (Total) 10,275.00

48. Clapp Memorial Library: Wages	—	6,981.00	—	—	—	—
Expenses	—	3,294.00	—	—	—	—

(h) Parks & Recreation (Total) 21,000.00

49. Park, Recreation & Beach:						
Salary — Director	—	7,969.00	—	—	—	—
Salary — Swim Instructor	—	1,550.00	—	—	—	—
Wages	—	6,736.00	—	—	—	—
Expenses	—	4,745.00	—	—	—	—
Equipment	—	0	—	—	—	—

(i) Pensions & Insurance (Total) 141,168.00

50. Pensions: Town Employees	—	48,623.00	—	—	—	—
51. Insurance: A. General	—	44,117.00	—	—	—	—
B. Health (Town Share)	—	46,813.00	—	—	—	—
C. Life (Town Share)	—	1,615.00	—	—	—	—

(j) Unclassified (Total) 8,247.00

52. Unclassified Items:						
A. Patriotic Exercises	—	300.00	—	—	—	—
B. Printing Town Report	—	3,300.00	—	—	—	—

C. Unclassified Account:

Wages	—	0	—	—	—	—
Expenses	—	3,030.00	—	—	—	—
D. Reserve Fund	—	1,617.00	—	—	—	—

(k) Cemeteries (Total)	15,400.00					
53. Cemeteries: Salary (3 at 200.)	—	600.00	—	—	—	—
Wages	—	2,150.00	—	—	—	—
Expenses	—	12,250.00	—	—	—	—
Equipment	—	0	—	—	—	—
Veterans' Graves	—	400.00	—	—	—	—
(l) Interest & Maturing Debt (Total)	65,463.00					
54. Interest:						
1963 School Loan, Interest	—	10,463.00	—	—	—	—
Temporary Short-Term Notes	—	10,000.00	—	—	—	—
55. Maturing Debt:						
1963 School Loan, Principal	—	45,000.00	—	—	—	—
23. Band Building Addition-Jr.Sr.H.S.	50,000.00	—	—	—	50,000.00	(Ent.6)
24. None	—	—	—	—	—	—
25. None	—	—	—	—	—	—

2,886,376.02 2,606,476.79 21,400.00 95,463.23 106,228.00 56,808.00

Democratic Presidential Primary

March 2, 1976

Presidential Preference (Vote for 1)	Prec. A	Prec. B	Totals
Robert L. Kelleher	2	0	2
George C. Wallace	118	17	135
Ellen McCormack	4	0	4
Terry Sanford	1	0	1
Lloyd Bentsen	0	0	0
Fred R. Harris	126	7	133
Milton J. Shapp	7	0	7
Birch Bayh	23	1	24
Jimmy Carter	87	12	99
R. Sargent Shriver	25	11	36
Henry M. Jackson	85	20	105
Morris K. Udall	100	4	104
No Preference	8	0	8
Hubert Humphrey	8	1	9
Frank Church	2	0	2
Blanks	4	1	5
Totals	600	74	674

State Committee (Man) (Vote for 1)

Stanley J. Nurek	231	47	278
Robert P. Abbott	194	17	211
Blanks	175	10	185

State Committee (Woman) (Vote for 1)

Miriam A. McCourt	362	52	414
Blanks	238	22	260
Totals	600	74	674

Town Committee (Vote-Not more than 35)

Margaret T. Austin	344	47	391
John W. Avery	289	38	327
Mary M. Avery	305	32	337
Geraldine H. Baker	292	33	325
James B. Baker	271	28	299
Warren P. Barrett	282	29	311
Edmond A. Blaine	275	30	305
Ronald E. Blaine	271	30	301
Bernadette S. Bowler	270	39	309
Arthur H. Brennen	292	35	327
Dorothy Brennen	299	31	330
John C. Carr	279	28	307
Vivian L. Czupkiewicz	274	35	309
Mabel M. Depot	279	28	307
Phyllis W. Flaherty	274	28	302
Francis E. Goodrow	280	29	309
Howard F. Goodrow	282	29	311
Rose A. Joyal	289	33	322
Samuel Jay Joyal	300	33	333
Edward O. Lofland	294	37	331
Emma D. Loftus	286	37	323

Francis P. Loftus, Sr.	292	37	329
Francis Paul Loftus	274	34	308
Harold E. Mellin, Jr.	280	31	311
Arthur J. Moriarty	279	40	319
Stephanie Moriarty	257	39	296
Helen L. Papp	327	37	364
Helen Renouf	311	33	344
Theodore W. Smist	259	32	291
Alice T. Willey	299	39	338
Harold W. Willey	303	45	348
Arlene Goodrow	269	27	296
Judith C. Dudek	266	39	305
Sophie P. Socha	260	55	315
Veronica Wallace	286	49	335
Blanks	11011	1364	12375
Totals	21000	2590	23590

Registered Democrats

Precinct A — 583 Voted March 2, 1976 — 600

Precinct B — 126 Voted March 2, 1976 — 74

Precinct B — 709 Voted March 2, 1976 — 674

Republican Presidential Primary

March 2, 1976

Presidential Preference	Prec.	Prec.	Totals
(Vote for 1)	A	B	
Ronald W. Reagan	56	5	61
Gerald R. Ford	156	10	166
No Preference	6	2	8
George Wallace	5	1	6
Hubert Humphrey	2	0	2
Blanks	3	3	6
Totals	228	21	249

State Committee (Man)

(Vote for 1)			
Eugene W. LaFond	73	9	82
Albert B. Cook, III	97	8	105
Thomas E. Madigan	9	1	10
Blanks	49	3	52
Totals	228	21	249

State Committee (Woman)

(Vote for 1)			
J. Beba Roberts	39	2	41
Barbara M. Putnam	133	14	147
Blanks	56	5	61
Totals	228	21	249

Town Committee

(Vote-Not more than 35)			
Eileen D. Staples	63	1	64
Donald Perham	63	1	64
David G. Hodgen	61	1	62

Albert W. Brown	61	1	62
Herbert E. Squires	61	1	62
George A. Smith, Jr.	62	1	63
Eleanor L. Schmidt	62	1	63
Betty Jean Jackson	61	1	62
Winifred B. Shattuck	65	1	66
Edward L. Fuller	65	1	66
Edward H. Gates	62	1	63
Roy P. Reece, Jr.	61	1	62
William G. Whitlock	69	1	70
Gould Ketchen	61	1	62
David A. Staples	64	1	65
Ernest M. Gay	63	1	64
Arthur Davenport	63	1	64
Elmer M. Potter	60	1	61
Earl F. Henrichon	60	1	61
Roberta Chevalier	60	1	61
Fred K. Thayer	61	1	62
James A. Bonafini, Sr.	61	1	62
Stanford J. Harrington	61	1	62
Victoria T. Sears	60	1	61
Andrew T. Sears	63	1	64
Wallace Chevalier	60	1	61
George B. Jackson	62	1	63
Marcel F. Archambault	60	1	61
Lorraine M. Archambault	60	1	61
Alice R. Thayer	61	1	62
Harry L. Brougham	62	1	63
Muriel A. Whitlock	61	1	62
Ronald W. Lawler	60	1	61
Patricia A. Hannon	60	1	61
William I. Shattuck, Jr.	63	1	64
Robert B. MacPherson	1	0	1
Blanks	5817	700	6517
Totals	7980	735	8715

Registered Republicans

Precinct A — 474 Voted March 2, 1976 — 228

Precinct B — 45 Voted March 2, 1976 — 21

Precinct B — 519 Voted March 2, 1976 — 249

American Presidential Primary

March 2, 1976

Presidential Preference	Prec.	Prec.	Totals
(Vote for 1)	A	B	
No Write-Ins	0	0	0
State Committee (Man)			
(Vote for 1)			
No Write-Ins	0	0	0

State Committee (Woman)**(Vote for 1)**

No Write-Ins	0	0	0
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Town Committee**(Vote-Not more than 10)**

No Write-Ins	0	0	0
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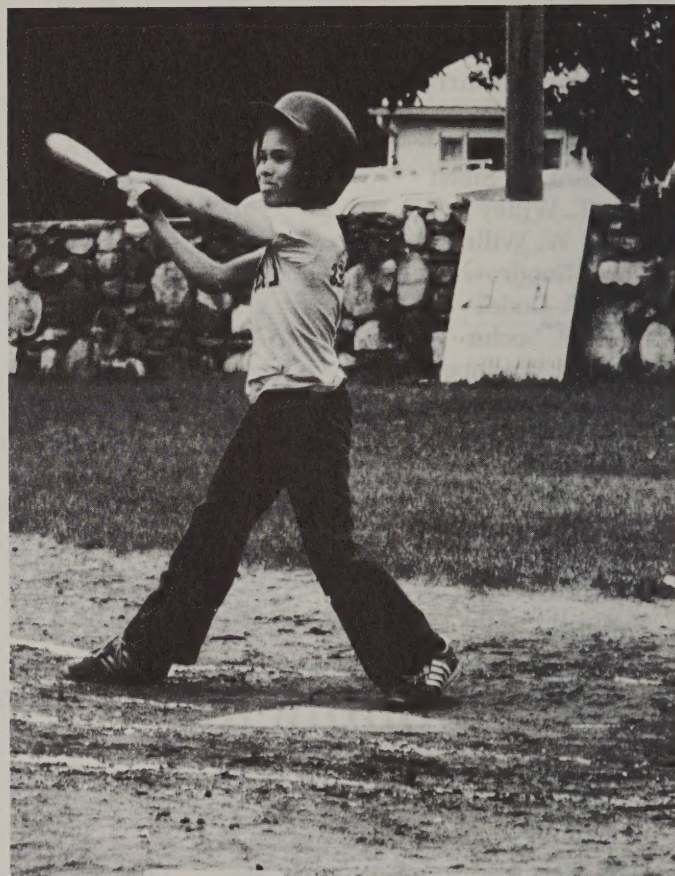
Registered American Party — None

Voted — None

Registered Voters at Belchertown

	Precinct A	Precinct B	Totals
Democrat	583	126	709
Republican	474	45	519
Independent	1320	155	1475
Totals	2377	326	2703

Attest: Carl J. Peterson, Jr.
Town Clerk



Town Election

April 12, 1976

Office	Name		*Denotes Elected		
			Prec. A	Prec. B	Totals
Moderator 1 year	*Joseph R. White		1014	132	1146
		Blanks	179	18	197
			1193	150	1343
Town Clerk 1 year	*Carl J. Peterson, Jr.		1059	142	1201
		Blanks	134	8	142
			1193	150	1343
Selectmen 3 years	Richard K. Cook		540	86	626
	*Shirley A. Dorey		611	69	680
	Elmer M. Potter		223	37	260
	*Kenneth H. Snow		646	62	708
		Blanks	366	46	412
			2386	300	2686

Selectman	George R. Harrell		161	16	177
2 years	Andrew T. Sears		433	83	516
	*Bernard F. Wilkes, Jr.		543	44	587
		Blanks	56	7	63
			1193	150	1343
Treasurer	*Carl J. Peterson, Jr.		1048	138	1186
3 years		Blanks	145	12	157
			1193	150	1343
School Committee	*William M. Russell		765	105	870
3 years	*Sharon L. Chapman		490	70	560
	Donald R. Laporte		509	49	558
		Blanks	622	76	698
			2386	300	2686
School Committee	*Martha J. Barrett		467	63	530
1 year	John J. Moran, Jr.		281	37	318
	David L. Sussman		330	38	368
		Blanks	115	12	127
			1193	150	1343
Planning Board	*William M. Cary, Jr.		854	110	964
5 years	John A. Wilbois		199	21	220
		Blanks	140	19	159
			1193	150	1343
Cemetery Commissioner	*Paul C. Cook		1034	130	1164
3 years		Blanks	159	20	179
			1193	150	1343
Assessor	*Walter L. Papp		1042	136	1178
3 years		Blanks	151	14	165
			1193	150	1343
Housing Authority	*Arlan V. Skinner		1050	134	1184
5 years		Blanks	143	16	159
			1193	150	1343
Tree Warden	*Albert W. Brown		1068	139	1207
1 year		Blanks	125	11	136
			1193	150	1343
Sewer Commissioner	*Harry L. Brougham		1021	133	1154
3 years		Blanks	172	17	189
			1193	150	1343
Board of Health	*Marcel F. Archambault		999	128	1127
3 years		Blanks	194	22	216
			1193	150	1343
Votes cast on April 12, 1976			1193	150	1343
Registered voters at Belchertown		Republican	471	43	514
		Democrat	618	127	745
		Independent	1349	170	1519
			2438	340	2778

Action taken at the Special Town Meeting held

June 8, 1976

Fiscal 1976

Moderator—Harold W. Willey

Registered voters present—74 (Quorum required—25)

The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by the Town Clerk, Carl J. Peterson, Jr., in the absence of Joseph R. White, Town Moderator. The Clerk conducted the business of electing a moderator for the meeting. Harold W. Willey was the only nominee and he was unanimously elected. Following his election, he was administered the Oath of Office by the Town Clerk, and then he assumed the duties of Moderator.

The Clerk read the Return of the Warrant.

Article I. Voted to appropriate from the Road Machinery Earnings Account the sum of \$1,300.00 to the Road Machinery Expense Account. (Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Article II. Voted to appropriate from Public Law #92-512 (Federal Revenue Sharing) Entitlement Period 6, the sum of \$600.00 to the Clapp Memorial Library Wage Account. (Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Article III. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$200,000.00 to be used by the Assessors to reduce the tax rate. (Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Article IV. Voted to appropriate from Public Law #92-512 (Federal Revenue Sharing) Entitlement Period 6, the sum of \$1,200.00 to the Police Department Expense Account. (Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Article V. Voted to appropriate from Public Law #92-512 (Federal Revenue Sharing) Entitlement Period 6, the sum of \$3,000.00 to the Police Department Wage Account. (Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Article VI. Voted to appropriate from Public Law #92-512 (Federal Revenue Sharing) Entitlement Period 5, the sum of \$500.00 for the purpose of a further engineering survey for repairs and/or reconstruction of the Red Bridge. (Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Article VII. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$7,874.32 to the Blue Cross-Blue Shield Town Appropriation Account. (Vote—Majority Yes)

Article VIII. On the Article—To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds in the treasury a sum of money to the Group Insurance-Town Appropriation Account, or take any action relative thereto, **it was voted to take no action on this article.** (Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Article IX. Voted to appropriate the sum of \$870,00.00 for the construction of sanitary sewers, sewerage systems, relief sewers and sewer system rehabilitation in the Town, and to meet said ap-

propriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, is authorized to borrow \$800,000.00 under General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 7, Paragraph 1, as amended, provided that the amount of borrowing shall be reduced by the amounts of State or Federal Grants for the project; and further, that \$50,000.00 is to be borrowed by the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, under General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 7, Paragraph 22, as amended, and the balance thereof, \$20,000.00 is to be appropriated from the Sewer Maintenance Account of fiscal 1976, said \$70,000.00 to be used for engineering services for studies, plans and specifications for the project; and further, that the Board of Sewer Commissioners be authorized to apply for, receive and expend such Federal and State aid as is available for this project, and to do everything necessary to carry out this vote including entering into agreements with the Town of Palmer for further ratification by the Town. (Vote—Unanimous Yes)

(During the discussion of Article IX, at 8:15 p.m. the Moderator declared a recess inasmuch as this was the posted time for the convening of the second Special Town Meeting slated for that hour. The Town Clerk immediately assumed the rostrum and called for a motion which was duly made and seconded adjourning the second town meeting until the completion of the first. The vote was unanimous yes to adjourn the second meeting.)

Voted to dissolve this meeting at 8:27 p.m.

Attest:

Carl J. Peterson, Jr.

Town Clerk

Action taken at the Special Town Meeting held

June 8, 1976

Fiscal 1977

Moderator—Harold W. Willey

Registered voters present—73 (Quorum required—25)

The Meeting was called to order at 8:28 p.m. by the Town Clerk, Carl J. Peterson, Jr., in the absence of Joseph R. White, Town Moderator. The Warrant posted time for this meeting was 8:15 p.m., at which time under the chairmanship of the Clerk, the meeting was adjourned until the dissolution of the first meeting. The Clerk conducted the business of electing a moderator for the meeting. Harold W. Willey was the only nominee and he was unanimously elected. Following his election, he reaffirmed his Oath of Office to the Town Clerk, and then assumed the duties of Moderator.

The Clerk read the Return of the Warrant.

Article I. Voted to appropriate to the Clapp Memorial Library Expense Account the sum of \$655.22,

the dog license refunds of 1975. (Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Article II. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$4,500.00 to the Building Maintenance and Groundskeeper Wage Account. (Vote—Majority Yes, 22 Yes; 19 No)

Article II. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$2,017.00 to the Board of Health Expense Account for the purpose of additional funds for Visiting Nurse services. (Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Voted to dissolve this meeting at 8:51 p.m.

Attest:

Carl J. Peterson, Jr.
Town Clerk

State Primary September 14, 1976

DEMOCRAT

Name	Office	Prec. A	Prec. B	Total
Edward M. Kennedy	Senator in Congress	219	75	294
Robert Emmet Dinsmore		66	8	74
Frederick C. Langone		9	0	9
Bernard P. Shannon		9	3	12
Blanks		6	2	8
Total		309	88	397
Edward A. McColgan	Congressman	144	42	186
Edward M. O'Brien	(First District)	136	41	177
Blanks	Recount-See below	29	5	34
Total		309	88	397
Leo J. Turo	Councillor	93	19	112
Leslie L. Harvey	(Seventh District)	55	29	84
Charles J. O'Connor, Jr.		84	27	111
Blanks		77	13	90
Total		309	88	397
Blaise P. Berthiaume	Senator	21	1	22
Ralph E. Hicks	(Worc.-Franklin-Hampden &	7	1	8
James W. Mitchell	Hampshire District)	19	1	20
James L. St. Amand		118	53	171
Robert A. Toupin		11	0	11
Robert D. Wetmore		101	31	132
Blanks		32	1	33
Total		309	88	397
James R. Nolen	Rep. in General Court	183	66	249
T. David Heffron	(3rd Hampshire District)	110	19	129
Robert F. Cebula (Write-in)		1	0	1
Blanks		15	3	18
Total		309	88	397

Salvatore A. Polito	Clerk of Courts	222	72	294
Blanks	(Hampshire County)	87	16	103
Total		309	88	397
Robert F. Czelusniak	Register of Deeds	156	54	210
George B. Scheurer	(Hampshire District)	117	27	144
Blanks		36	7	43
Total		309	88	397
Paul R. Dineen	County Commissioner	157	40	197
Thaddeus Boruchowski	(Hampshire County)	60	36	96
Robert J. Garvey		196	52	248
Blanks		205	48	253
Total		618	176	794

Registered Democrats	Precinct A	815	Voted 9/14/76	309
Registered Democrats	Precinct B	131	Voted 9/14/76	88
		946		397

STATE PRIMARY RECOUNT — Held September 29, 1976

Office of Congressman — (First District)

DEMOCRATIC

	Prec. A	Prec. B	Total
Edward A. McColgan	146	43	189
Edward M. O'Brien	133	40	173
Blanks	30	5	35
Total	309	88	397

REPUBLICAN

State Primary September 14, 1976

Name	Office	Prec. A	Prec. B	Total
Michael S. Robertson	Senator in Congress	63	7	70
Blanks		16	3	19
Total		79	10	89
Silvio O. Conte	Congressman	72	9	81
Blanks	(First District)	7	1	8
Total		79	10	89
(No Candidate)	Councillor	0	0	0
Blanks	(Seventh District)	79	10	89
Total		79	10	89
Albert B. Cook III	Senator	40	7	47
Janice U. Corser	(Worc.-Franklin-Hampden-	28	2	30
Blanks	Hampshire District)	11	1	12
Total		79	10	89

James R. Nolen (Write-in)	Rep. in General Court	1	0	1
Blanks	(3rd Hampshire District)	78	10	88
Total		79	10	89
Salvatore A. Polito (Write-in)	Clerk of Courts	1	0	1
Blanks	(Hampshire County)	78	10	88
Total		79	10	89
George B. Scheurer(Write-in)	Register of Deeds	1	0	1
Blanks	(Hampshire District)	78	10	88
Total		79	10	89
Robert J. Garvey(Write-in)	County Commissioner	1	0	1
Blanks	(Hampshire County)	157	20	177
Total		158	20	178

Registered Republicans	Precinct A	481	Voted 9/14/76	79
Registered Republicans	Precinct B	37	Voted 9/14/76	10
		518		89

	Registered Voters at Belchertown		
	Precinct A	Precinct B	Totals
Democrat	815	131	946
Republican	481	37	518
Independent	1218	183	1401
Totals	2514	351	2865

AMERICAN State Primary September 14, 1976

Name	Office	Prec. A	Prec. B	Total
(No candidate)	Senator in Congress	0	0	0
(No candidate)	Congressman	0	0	0
(No candidate)	(First District)			
(No candidate)	Councillor	0	0	0
(No candidate)	(Seventh District)			
(No candidate)	Senator	0	0	0
(No candidate)	(Worc.-Franklin-Hampden Hampshire District)			
(No candidate)	Rep. in General Court	0	0	0
(No candidate)	(3rd Hampshire District)			
(No candidate)	Clerk of Courts	0	0	0
(No candidate)	(Hampshire County)			
(No candidate)	Register of Deeds	0	0	0
(No candidate)	(Hampshire District)			
(No candidate)	County Commissioner	0	0	0
	(Hampshire County)			

Registered American Party—Precinct A—0	Voted 9/14/76-0
Registered American Party—Precinct B—0	0
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Action taken at the Special Town Meeting held

September 21, 1976

Moderator: Joseph R. White

Registered voters present—83 (Quorum required—25)
Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m. Recessed by
Moderator for four minutes to allow waiting line of
voters to be checked in by Registrars. Reconvened at
7:34 p.m.

The Clerk read the Return of the Warrant.

Article I. Voted to appropriate from Public Law #92-512 (Federal Revenue Sharing) Entitlement Periods 4 and 5 the sum of \$347.00, \$73.67 from Entitlement Period 4 and \$273.33 from Entitlement Period 5 to be used in conjunction with funds appropriated at the Annual Town Meeting of April 5, 1976 to purchase and equip a pickup truck for the Highway Department. (Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Article II. Voted to appropriate from Public Law #92-512 (Federal Revenue Sharing) Entitlement Periods 5 and 6 the sum of \$800.00, \$621.19 from Entitlement Period 5 and \$178.81 from Entitlement Period 6 to purchase hose couplings and truck tools for the Fire Department. (Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Article III. Voted to appropriate from Public Law #92-512 (Federal Revenue Sharing) Entitlement Period 6 the sum of \$1,925.00 for ambulance training as authorized under Article VII of the Special Town Meeting of December 17, 1973. (Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Article IV. Voted to appropriate from Public Law #92-512 (Federal Revenue Sharing) Entitlement Period 6 the sum of \$5,000.00 to construct a drainage system on Cottage Street. (Vote—Majority Yes)

Article V. Voted to appropriate from Public Law #92-512 (Federal Revenue Sharing) Entitlement Period 6 the sum of \$3,500.00 to construct a drainage system on Poole Road. (Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Article VI. Voted to appropriate from Public Law #92-512 (Federal Revenue Sharing) Entitlement Period 6 the sum of \$2,500.00 to construct a drainage system on Stebbins Street. (Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Article VII. Voted to appropriate from Public Law #92-512 (Federal Revenue Sharing) Entitlement Period 6 the sum of \$4,300.00 to be used in conjunction with funds donated to the Town of Belchertown to purchase and equip a van for the Council on Aging. (Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Article VIII. On the Article—To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds in the treasury a sum of money to pay the following bills incurred in prior years:

Mental Health Center Association	\$354.00
Abalene Pest Control Service, Inc.	20.00
Three Rivers Outlet	8.50
Belchertown Sentinel	75.94

Choquette's Market	87.50
New England Telephone	15.00
David H. King	102.50
Robert J. Hansbury	100.00
Mr. and Mrs. Clare Gaudette	525.00
or take any action relative thereto—	

the following action was taken which resulted in the defeat of this article:

A motion was made and seconded to pay the bills incurred by

Mental Health Center Association	\$354.00
Abalene Pest Control Service, Inc.	20.00
Belchertown Sentinel	75.94
Mr. and Mrs. Clare Gaudette	525.00

A motion was then made and seconded to amend the main motion to include

Three Rivers Outlet	8.50
Choquette's Market	87.50
New England Telephone	15.00
David H. King	100.00
Robert J. Hansbury	100.00

The amendment was followed by a motion made and seconded to amend the amendment to remove the bills of David H. King and Robert J. Hansbury.

The amendment to the amendment to remove the bills of King and Hansbury passed by a majority vote.

The amendment as amended to include all the bills except King and Hansbury passed by a majority vote.

The main motion as amended with amendment to amendment passed by a majority vote but failed to receive the necessary nine-tenths vote required for passage of unpaid bills at a Special Town Meeting. The vote was: (37 in the affirmative; 18 in the negative) (This Article was defeated—nine-tenths required.)

Article IX. Voted to appropriate from Public Law #92-512 (Federal Revenue Sharing) Entitlement Period 6 the sum of \$5,000.00 to purchase from Eleanor S. Bartlett, by the Board of Selectmen on behalf of the Inhabitants of the Town of Belchertown, 1.012 acres of land, more or less, located on the southerly side of the access road to the Belchertown Elementary School, being further bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at an iron pin located at the northwesterly corner of the premises herein described which point is located N. 77° 32' 40" E. a distance of one hundred sixty-nine and ninety-nine one hundredths (169.99) feet from a point located on the easterly side of South Main Street, which later point also marks the northwesterly corner of land now or formerly of Clarence F. and Ruth B. Dobson; thence from said first point of beginning N. 59° 30' 40" E. a distance of one hundred thirty and seventy-six one hundredths (130.76) feet to an iron pin; thence N. 80° 58' 40" E. a distance of one hundred thirty (130) feet to an iron pin located at land belonging to the Inhabitants of the Town of Belchertown (the last two (2) courses running along land belonging to the Inhabitants of the Town of Belchertown, known as the

access road to the Elementary School); thence S. 00° 02' 32" W. a distance of one hundred twenty-four and fifty one hundredths (124.50) feet to a point in the corner of a wall; thence S. 77° 48' 25" E. a distance of forty-two and thirty-two one hundredths (42.32) feet to a point (the last two (2) courses running along land of the Inhabitants of the Town of Belchertown); thence S. 01° 23' 17" W. a distance of fifty-five and forty-nine one hundredths (55.49) feet to a point in the corner of a wall; thence S. 81° 26' 47" W. a distance of two hundred forty-nine and forty-two one hundredths (249.42) feet to a 1 1/2" iron pin found (the last two (2) courses running along land now or formerly of Ida Roberts); thence N. 13° 51' 19" W. along said land of Clarence F. and Ruth B. Dobson a distance of one hundred forty-three and forty-five one hundredths (143.45) feet to an iron pin marking the place of

beginning. Containing 1.012 acres, more or less. (Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Following Article IX, there was a motion to reconsider the action taken under the Article VIII motion and amendment as amended. The motion to reconsider was passed by a majority vote. The Moderator then called for a vote on the main motion that had been submitted under Article VIII as amended with amendment to the amendment. The motion received a majority vote: 46 in the affirmative, 10 in the negative, but failed to receive the necessary nine-tenths vote required for passage.

Voted to dissolve this meeting at 8:50 p.m.

Attest:
Carl J. Peterson, Jr.
Town Clerk

State Election—November 2, 1976

Polls Opened in both Precincts A and B at 8:00 a.m. and closed at 8:00 p.m.

Office	Name		Prec. A	Prec. B	Total
Electors of President & Vice President					
(Vote for one)					
	Anderson & Shackelford	American	3	2	5
	Camejo & Reid	Soc. Workers	11	0	11
	Carter & Mondale	Democratic	1275	219	1494
	Ford & Dole	Republican	959	86	1045
	LaRouche Jr. & Evans	U.S. Labor	15	0	15
	McCarthy & Stouffer	Independent	98	8	106
	Bubar & Dodge	Prohibition	0	0	0
	Levin & Blomen	Soc. Labor	0	0	0
	MacBride & Bergland	Libertarian	0	0	0
	Wright & Spock	Peoples	0	0	0
	Muskie, Edmund (write-in)		1	0	1
	Udall, Morris (write-in)		2	0	2
	Brown, Gerald (write-in)		2	0	2
	Reagan, Ronald (write-in)		2	0	2
	Blanks		33	3	36
Totals			2401	318	2719
Senator in Congress					
(Vote for one)					
	Edward M. Kennedy	Democratic	1575	253	1828
	Michael S. Robertson	Republican	677	59	736
	Carol Henderson Evans	Soc. Workers	77	3	80
	H. Graham Lowry	U.S. Labor	13	1	14
	Blanks		59	2	61
Totals			2401	318	2719
Congressman (First District)					
(Vote for one)					
	Silvio O. Conte	Republican	1323	142	1465

Edward A. McColgan	Democratic	998	169	1167
	Blanks	80	7	87
	Totals	2401	318	2719
Councillor (Seventh District)				
(Vote for one)				
Leo J. Turo	Democratic	1675	252	1927
Susan Van Netta (write-in)		1	0	1
	Blanks	725	66	791
	Totals	2401	318	2719
Senator in General Court				
(Worcester-Franklin, Hampden, Hampshire Dist.)				
(Vote for one)				
Albert B. Cook III	Republican	791	65	856
Robert D. Wetmore	Democratic	1314	240	1554
	Blanks	296	13	309
	Totals	2401	318	2719
Representative in General Court				
(Third Hampshire District)				
(Vote for one)				
James R. Nolen	Democratic	1787	272	2059
Stanley J. Kozial (write-in)		1	0	1
Elizabeth Chase (write-in)		1	0	1
T. David Heffron (write-in)		1	0	1
	Blanks	611	46	657
	Totals	2401	318	2719
Clerk of Courts (Hampshire County)				
(Vote for one)				
Salvatore A. Polito	Democratic	1701	250	1951
Elizabeth Chase (write-in)		1	0	1
	Blanks	699	68	767
	Totals	2401	318	2719
Register of Deeds (Hampshire District)				
(Vote for one)				
Robert F. Czelusniak	Democratic	1707	254	1961
Russell Carriere (write-in)		1	0	1
Elizabeth Chase (write-in)		1	0	1
	Blanks	692	64	756
	Totals	2401	318	2719
County Commissioner (Hampshire County)				
(Vote for not more than two)				
Paul R. Dineen	Democratic	1174	184	1358
Robert J. Garvey	Democratic	1474	198	1672
Katherine M. Root (write-in)		6	0	6
Horace G. Marchant, III (write-in)		1	0	1
	Blanks	2147	254	2401
	Totals	4802	636	5438

Question 1 (Amend Constitution?) (Equal Rights)	Yes	1657	198	1855
	No	649	101	750
	Blanks	95	19	114
	Totals	2401	318	2719
Question 2 (Amend Constitution?) (Graduated Income Tax)	Yes	915	92	1007
	No	1368	204	1572
	Blanks	118	22	140
	Totals	2401	318	2719
Question 3 (Amend Constitution?) (Absentee voting-religious beliefs)	Yes	1381	168	1549
	No	898	131	1029
	Blanks	122	19	141
	Totals	2401	318	2719
Question 4 (Law proposed by initiative petition?) (Establish Mass. Power Authority)	Yes	440	44	484
	No	1812	254	2066
	Blanks	149	20	169
	Totals	2401	318	2719
Question 5 (Law proposed by initiative petition?) (Guns)	Yes	525	22	547
	No	1807	279	2086
	Blanks	69	17	86
	Totals	2401	318	2719
Question 6 (Law proposed by initiative petition?) (Beverage containers)	Yes	1475	186	1661
	No	877	123	1000
	Blanks	49	9	58
	Totals	2401	318	2719
Question 7 (law proposed by initiative petition?) (Uniform electric rates)	Yes	664	47	711
	No	1608	255	1863
	Blanks	129	16	145
	Totals	2401	318	2719
Question 8 (This question is not binding) (Construction of oil refinery & deep water port in Mass.?)	Yes	1468	215	1683
	No	812	82	894
	Blanks	121	21	142
	Totals	2401	318	2719
Question 9 (This question is not binding) (Retail stores open on Sunday?)	Yes	1373	156	1529
	No	940	140	1080
	Blanks	88	22	110
	Totals	2401	318	2719
Question 10 (Harness horse races be permitted in this county?)	Yes	1610	214	1824
	No	629	72	701

Blanks	162	32	194
Totals	2401	318	2719

Number of ballots cast November 2, 1976 — Precinct A..... 2401
Precinct B..... 318
Town Total..... 2719(84% voted)

Registered voters as of Nov. 2, 1976:

	Precinct A	Precinct B	Totals
Democrat	919	140	1059
Republican	500	37	537
Independent	1412	201	1613
Totals	2831	378	3209

Action taken at the Special Town Meeting held

December 6, 1976

Moderator: Joseph R. White

Registered voters present—44 (Quorum required—25)

Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m.

The Clerk read the Return of the Warrant

Article I. Voted to appropriate from the Roach Machinery Earnings Account the sum of \$4,500.00 to the Road Machinery Expense Account. (Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Article II. Voted to appropriate from the Parks, Beach and Recreation Wage Account the sum of \$500.00 to the Parks, Beach and Recreation Expense Account. (Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Article III. Voted to appropriate from the Police Department Full Time Wage Account the sum of \$2,000.00 to the Police Department Part Time Wage Account. (Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Article IV. Voted to appropriate from Public Law #92-512 (Federal Revenue Sharing) Entitlement Period 6, the sum of \$4,000.00 to purchase and equip FM 2 way radios for the Highway Department. (Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Article V. Voted to appropriate from Public Law #92-512 (Federal Revenue Sharing) Entitlement Period 6, the sum of \$5,000.00, equal to 50%, to be used in conjunction with a like amount furnished by the Town of Ware, Massachusetts for repairs to the Red Bridge, so called. (Voted—Majority Yes)

Article VI. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$525.00 to pay the following bill incurred in a prior year, which is a Chapter 766 reimbursable expense:

Mr. and Mrs. Clare Gaudette \$525.00
(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Article VII. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$827.93 to pay the following bills incurred in prior years:

Mental Health Center Association	\$354.00
Abalene Pest Control Service, Inc.	20.00
Three Rivers Outlet	8.50
Belchertown Sentinel	75.94
Choquette's Market	87.50
New England Telephone	15.00
David H. King	100.00
Robert J. Hansbury	100.00
Bondsville Fire and Water District	15.00
Newhouse Brake, Inc.	51.99

(Voted—Unanimous Yes)

Article VIII. Voted to appropriate from Public Law #92-512 (Federal Revenue Sharing) Entitlement Period 6, the sum of \$500.00 for repairs and minor renovations to the Old Highway Garage on Jabish Street. (Vote—Majority Yes)

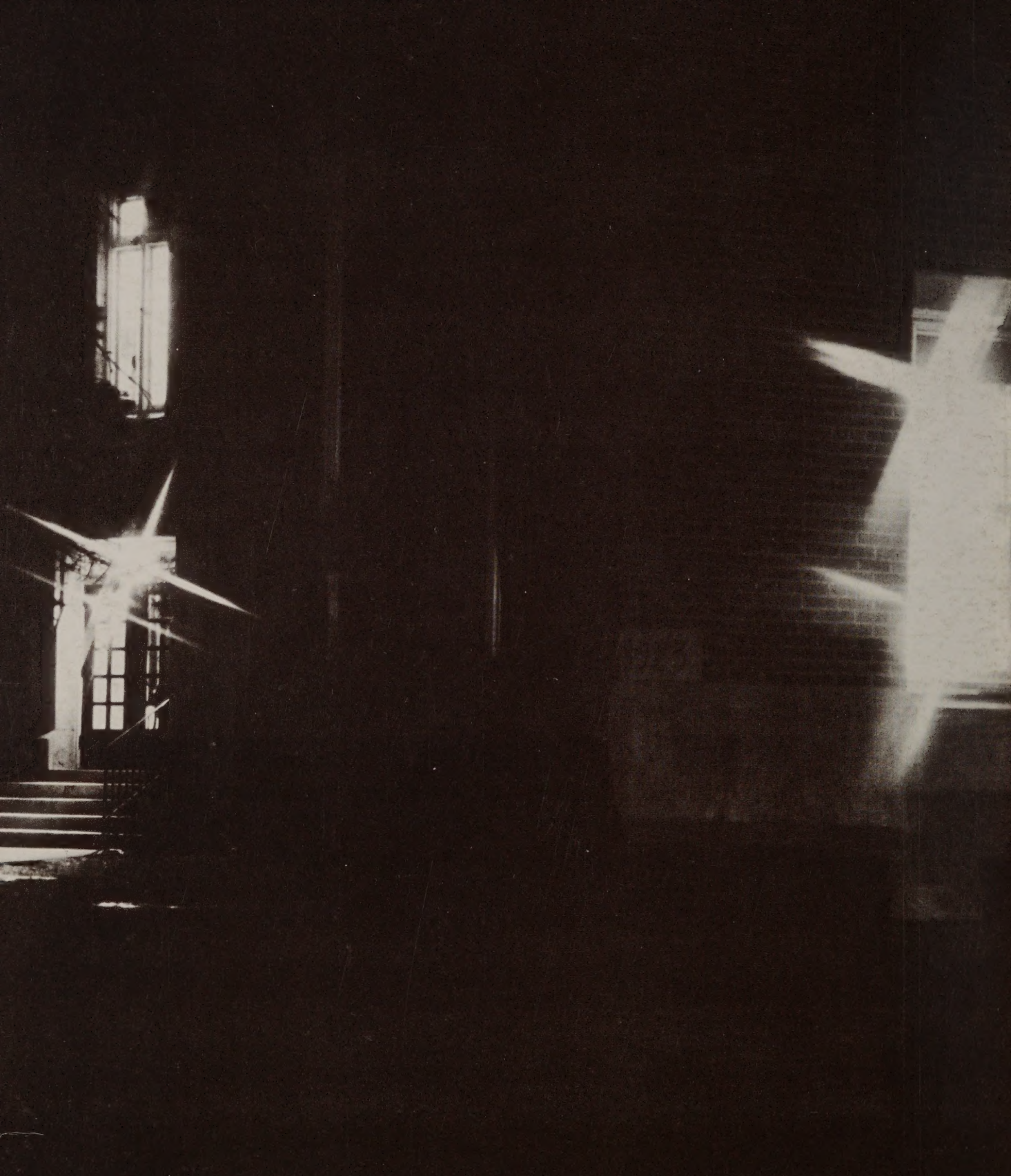
The original motion to appropriate \$900.00 was amended by unanimous vote to reduce the amount to \$500.00.

Article IX. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$2,506.40 to the Maintenance Groundskeeper Wage Account, pending reimbursement from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts under the provisions of the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act of 1973. (Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Voted to dissolve this meeting at 8:05 p.m.

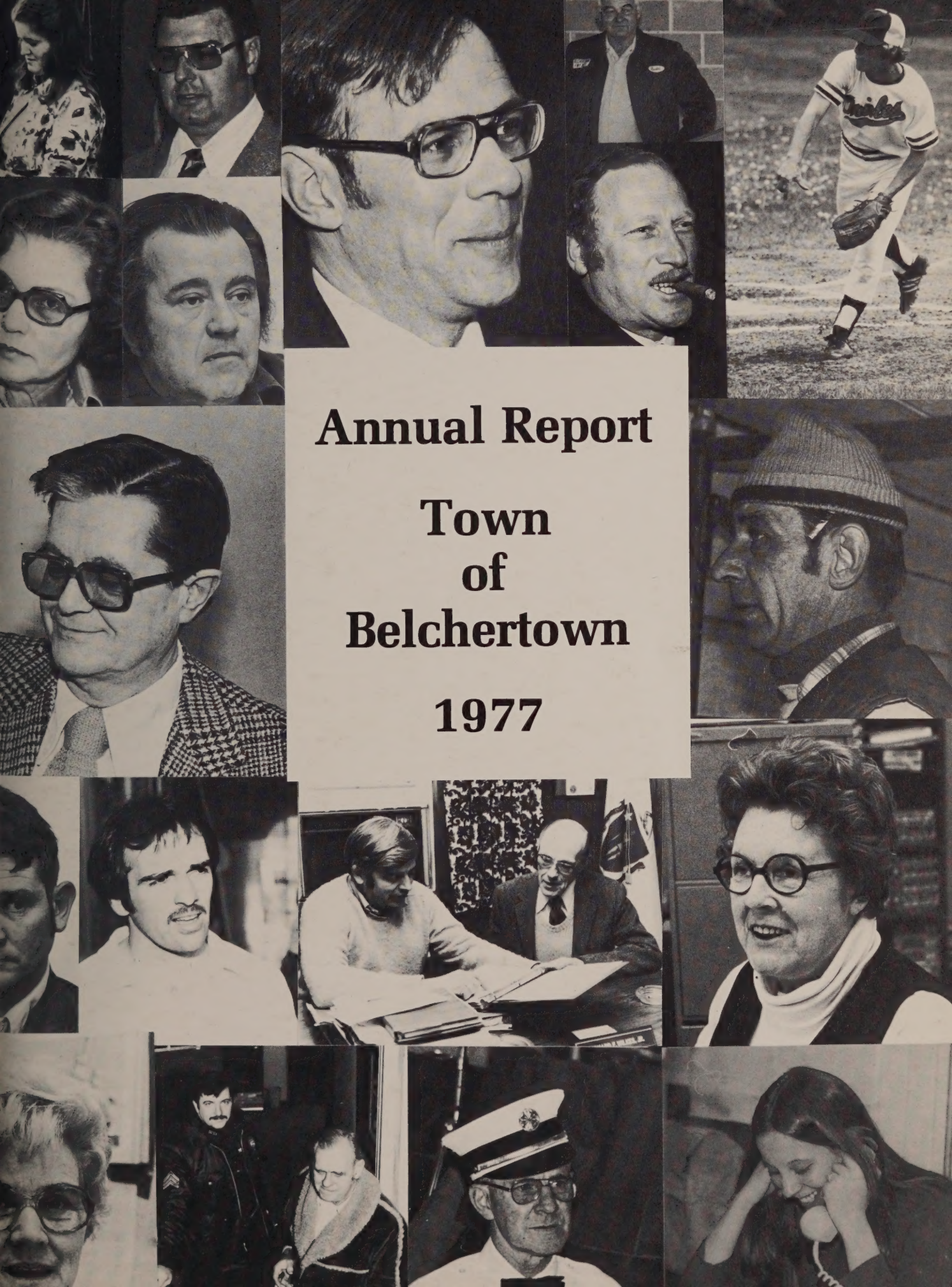
Attest:

Carl J. Peterson, Jr.
Town Clerk



**Cover shows new Bicentennial look of Lawrence Memorial Hall
and monument erected by the Belchertown Firefighters.**

Cover pictures taken by David A. Campbell



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Year ending December 31, 1977



Wallace F. Chevalier
Sept. 4, 1912-Oct. 13, 1977

We are proud to dedicate this report to Wallace Chevalier, better known to the residents of our Town as Wally. Wally has served the Town in many capacities, not only as Dog Officer but also as a police officer and on several committees. Wally was well known throughout the United States and Canada through his canine training schools. He served as Belchertown's Dog Officer for 26 years and has helped many people along the way. Wally will be remembered by all of us for a job well done.

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Town Officers

Elected Officers

Name	Office	Term Expires
	Moderator	
Joseph R. White		1978
	Town Clerk	
Carl J. Peterson, Jr.		1978
	Board of Selectmen	
Peter M. Dearness		4/1977
Bernard F. Wilkes, Jr.		1978
Shirley A. Dorey		1979
Kenneth H. Snow		1979
Richard K. Cook, Sr.		1980
William Gerry Whitlock		1980
	Treasurer	
Carl J. Peterson, Jr.		1979
	Tax & Town Collector	
Carl J. Peterson, Jr.		1980
	School Committee	
Dorothy A. Rhodes		1978
George A. Smith, Jr.		1978
Sharon L. Chapman		1979
William M. Russell		1979
Martha J. Barrett		1980
	Planning Board	
John J. Sullivan, III (resigned 11/20/77)		1978
William M. Cary, Jr. (elected 12/12/77)		1978
Stanford J. Harrington		1979
Donald S. Cole		1980
Bruno B. Land		1981
W. Daniel Fitzpatrick		1982
	Cemetery Commissioners	
Sidney T. Wheble		1978
Paul C. Cook		1979
Daniel W. MacPhee		1980
	Board of Assessors	
Samuel J. Joyal		1978
Walter L. Papp		1979
Edward O. Lofland		1980
	Housing Authority	
Lewis J. Austin (deceased)		1978
Harvey A. Samson (elected 10/3/77)		1978
Sophia M. Pero		1979
Edmund F. Wallace		1980
Arlan V. Skinner		1981
Kenneth W. Thayer		1982
	Tree Warden	
Albert W. Brown		1978
	Sewer Commissioners	
Ronald E. Blaine		1978
Harry L. Brougham		1979
Alfred P. Atwood		1980

	Board of Health	
James A. Bonafini, Sr.		1978
Francis A. Dudek		1979
Linda H. Snow		1980
	Trustees, Calvin Bridgman Fund	
Mary M. Locke		1978
Kenneth H. Snow		1979
Rachel G. Shumway		1980
	Almoners-Whiting Street & Susan M.D. Bridgman Funds	
Virginia M. Hislop		1978
Janet L. Wood		1978
	Pathfinder Regional Vocational- Technical High School District Committee Member	
David A. Staples		1978



Appointed Officers

	Town Accountant	
Deborah A. Downing (resigned 4/77)		6/30/77
Eleanor W. Moriarty (appt. 5/77)		6/30/78
	Assistant Town Accountant	
Eleanor W. Moriarty (appt. T.Acct. 5/77)		
Katherine C. Lofland (appt. 6/77)		6/30/78
	Assistant Town Clerk	
Carol E. Hubbard		6/30/78
	Assistant Town Treasurer	
Margaret S. Kirby		4/78
	Deputy Collector	
Carol E. Hubbard (office)		12/77
Margaret S. Kirby (office)		12/77
Norman C. Jeffery		12/77

Finance Committee	
Donald C. McKenney	6/30/77
Wilfred N. Ridenour	6/30/77
George B. Jackson	6/30/78
Neil S. McCann	6/30/78
David S. Fredenburgh	6/30/79
Phyllis A. Foster (appt. 9/77)	6/30/80
Judith A. King (appt. 9/77)	6/30/80
Town Counsel	
Stephen B. Monsein, Attorney	6/30/78
Chief of Police	
Ernest M. Gay, Sr.	6/30/79
Constable	
Ernest M. Gay, Sr.	6/30/78
Merton L. Pratt	6/30/78
Sergeant	
Robert A. Knight	6/30/78
Merton L. Pratt	6/30/78
Fire Chief & Forest Fire Warden	
Raymond R. Menard	6/30/78
Superintendent of Streets	
Albert L. LePage	6/30/78
Building Inspector	
Jack Hulmes, Jr.	6/30/77
Elbert C. Ulshoeffer, Jr. (appt. 5/77)	6/30/78
Assistant Building Inspector	
Marcel F. Archambault	6/30/77
Inspector of Wiring	
Robert J. Henrichon	6/30/78
Assistant Wiring Inspector	
Edward S. Czech	6/30/78
Special Constable	
Norman C. Jeffery	6/30/78
Dog Officer	
Wallace F. Chevalier (deceased)	6/30/78
Robert W. Chevalier (appt. 11/77)	6/30/78
Assistant Dog Officer	
Robert W. Chevalier (appt. Dog Officer)	
Terry R. Chevalier (appt. 11/77)	6/30/78
Gas Inspector	
Ralph Linton (resigned)	6/30/78
Richard O. Kimball, Sr. (appt. 9/77)	6/30/78
Assistant Assessor	
Pauline C. Johnson	1/1/78
Supt. of Insect Pest Control	
Albert W. Brown	6/30/80
Town Engineer	
Elbert C. Ulshoeffer, Jr.	6/30/78
Veterans Services Agent	
Earl F. Henrichon	6/30/78
Sealer of Weights & Measures	
Royal K. Gay	6/30/78
Zoning By-Law Enforcement Officer	
Arthur J. LaFleur	6/30/77
Elbert C. Ulshoeffer, Jr.	6/30/78

Veterans Graves Officer	
Milton A. Butler	6/30/78
Registrars of Voters	
Lillian C. Austin	3/31/78
M. Rose Sorrell	6/30/79
Ethel H. Hawkins	6/30/80
Election Officers	
Precinct A	
Roberta E. Chevalier (Warden)	6/30/78
Helen L. Papp (Clerk) (resigned 9/77)	6/30/78
Precinct B	
Mary Dudek (Warden)	6/30/78
Julia Pietryka (Clerk)	6/30/78
Board of Appeals	
Arthur Davenport	6/30/77
Patrick D. Kamins (resigned as reg. Member 8/77)	6/30/78
Robert B. MacPherson (appt. 8/77)	6/30/78
Donald R. Laporte	6/30/79
William McCarthy	6/30/80
Alternate Members-Bd. of Appeals	
Peter J. Adzima (Assoc. Member)	6/30/77
Dale Cox (appt. 4/77)	6/30/78
Patrick D. Kamins (appt. 8/77)	6/30/78
Field Driver & Pound Keeper	
Owens Taylor (Appt. 5/77)	6/30/78
Civil Defense Director	
Robert H. Phoenix	6/30/77
Thomas Blomstrom	6/30/78
Radio Officer	
Philip Depot	6/30/77
Roy M. Nonnemaker	6/30/77
Robert Phoenix	6/30/78
Civil Defense Department	
John J. Moran, Jr.	6/30/77
Recreation Director	
Richard R. Hebert (resigned 5/77)	6/30/77
Arthur Knapp, Jr.	6/30/78
Parks, Beach & Recreation	
Jay Evans	6/30/78
Michael P. Forgue	6/30/78
Patricia Burton	6/30/79
June D. Smith	6/30/79
Suzanne Reece	6/30/80
War Memorial Committee	
Alice Samborski	6/30/80
Carl J. Peterson, Jr.	6/30/80
Robert W. Chevalier	6/30/78
Edward O. Lofland	6/30/79
Food Stamp Representative	
Louise Wadsworth	
Rationing Board (Appt. 9/77)	
Arthur J. Moriarty	6/30/78
Wilfred T. Weston	6/30/79
Wilfred N. Ridenour	6/30/80

Public Weighers

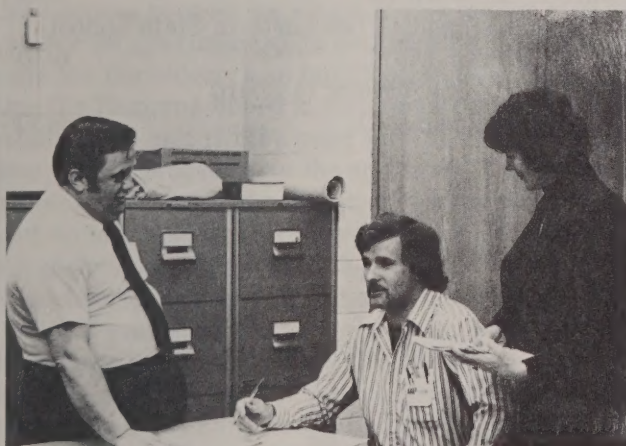
Claude Beaudoin	6/30/77
Herbert Squires	6/30/77
Eva Beaudoin	6/30/78
Howard R. Beaulieu	6/30/78
Stanford J. Harrington	6/30/78
John H. Murton	6/30/78
Joseph W. Tolpa, Jr.	6/30/78
Joseph W. Tolpa, Sr.	6/30/78

Personnel Board

George D. Greule	6/30/78
JoAnn M. Gavin	6/30/79
Howard Atkins	6/30/80

Development & Industrial Committee

Bruno B. Land (resigned 6/30/77)	6/30/78
Owens Taylor (appt. 9/77)	6/30/78
Peter Dearness	6/30/77
Patrick D. Kamins	6/30/77
Michael J. Geser	6/30/79
Edward H. Parker	6/30/79
Peter G. Burton (appt. 9/77)	6/30/80
Gregory R. Dillard (appt. 9/77)	6/30/80



Conservation Committee

Leslie A. Campbell	6/30/77
Eleanor Schmidt	6/30/77
Andrew J. Sears	6/30/77
Louis B. LaFromboise	6/30/78
George Leclerc	6/30/78
Richard M. DeGraaf	6/30/79
Gary D. Kellogg (resigned 6/77)	6/30/79
John R. Besse, Jr. (appt. 7/77)	6/30/79
Alice Kuc	6/30/80
Patricia Guild	6/30/80
Marcia E. Walker	6/30/80

Lower Pioneer Valley Regional Planning Commission

William M. Cary, Jr.	4/77
Bruno B. Land (appt. 4/77)	6/30/78
Stanford J. Harrington (Alternate) (appt. 8/77)	6/30/78

Lower Pioneer Valley Joint Transportation Committee

Patricia B. Bond	6/30/77
Shirley A. Dorey	6/30/78

Historical Commission

John Fitzgerald	6/30/77
Keith Bettencourt	6/30/78
Helen F. Lister	6/30/78
Shirley A. Bock	6/30/79
Gerald G. Tremaine	6/30/79
Sue Bay	6/30/80

Council on Aging

Alice Hussey Peden	6/30/77
Mary Avery (resigned 9/77)	6/30/78
Arlena MacPherson	6/30/78
Eleanor B. Nickerson	6/30/78
Irene B. Orlando	6/30/78
Stephen Lanphear (appt. 10/77)	6/30/78
Martin Keoughan (resigned 6/77)	6/30/79
Roy King, Sr.	6/30/79
Bradford F. Purdy	6/30/79
Paul Wall (resigned 12/77)	6/30/79
Marion Harrington	6/30/80
Nancy White	6/30/80
Helen Renouf	6/30/80

School Site Study Committee

Charlotte Duda	Final Report
Judith A. Dudek	Final Report
Edward H. Gates	Final Report
Harold E. Mellin	Final Report
Otto H. McClure	Final Report
Richard B. Shepard	Final Report
Molly Weir	Final Report

Jr. Sr. High School Building Committee

Edward H. Gates	Final Report
Otto H. McClure	Final Report
Neil S. McCann	Final Report
Edward H. Parker	Final Report
Mary S. Pratt	Final Report
Leland V. Corneille (Advisory Member)	

Police Selection Committee

Jay Evans	6/30/78
Donald C. McKenney	6/30/78
Donna S. Muller	6/30/78
Bernard F. Wilkes, Jr.	6/30/78
Ernest M. Gay (Ex-officio)	

Local Growth Policy Committee

Jane Kubacki	Final Report
Thomas McKelligott	Final Report
Edward Parker	Final Report
William Shattuck	Final Report
Dorothy Sroka	Final Report
Wm. Gerry Whitlock (from Selectmen)	
Representative from Planning Board	
Eleanor Schmidt (from Conservation Committee)	
Edmund F. Wallace (from Housing Authority)	
Representative from Board of Health	

POLICE OFFICERS

Chief		
Ernest M. Gay, Sr.	6/30/79	
Full Time		
Robert A. Knight	6/30/78	
Ernest M. Gay, Jr.	6/30/78	
Sergeant		
Robert A. Knight	6/30/78	
Merton L. Pratt	6/30/78	
Constable		
Ernest M. Gay, Sr.	6/30/78	
Merton L. Pratt	6/30/78	
Officers		
Paul F. Austin	6/30/77	
Lester W. Beaudoin (Church)	6/30/77	
James J. Verdier (resigned 1/77)	6/30/77	
Patricia Antonovitch	6/30/78	
Roy F. Bergeron	6/30/78	
Michael Brougham	6/30/78	
Alfred H. Burns	6/30/78	
David A. Conkey	6/30/78	
Edward S. Czech (Church)	6/30/78	
Stephen Czupryna	6/30/78	
Paul L. DeBettencourt	6/30/78	
Thomas M. Dranka	6/30/78	
Jeffery Famiglietti (CETA appt.-resigned 11/77)	3/78	
Irene C. Gay	6/30/78	
Roman Kucinski	6/30/78	
Philip N. Vanasse	6/30/78	
William C. Zobka	6/30/78	

Special Police-School Traffic

Patricia Antonovitch	6/30/78
Lillian C. Austin	6/30/78
James R. Lodge	6/30/78
Jane L. Hamel	6/30/78

All Other Specials

Randolph H. Brown	6/30/77
Ralph Goodreau (S.R.S. Club)	6/30/77
Ronald Roberts (S.R.S. Club)	6/30/77
Ronald Zobka (S.R.S. Club)	6/30/77
A. Preston Atwood	6/30/78
Robert W. Chevalier	6/30/78
Wallace F. Chevalier (deceased)	6/30/78
Owens Taylor	6/30/78

BOARD OF HEALTH APPOINTMENTS

Report Clerk

Charlotte P. Ketchen	6/30/78
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Agent Sanitarian

John A. Brickett	6/30/78
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Inspector of Animals

Lewis J. Austin (deceased)	6/30/78
Stanley Antonovitch (appt. 10/77)	6/30/78

Inspector of Plumbing

Edward F. Czupkiewicz	6/30/78
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Special Agent at Belchertown State School

Aran Kasparyan, M.D.	6/30/78
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Advisor to Board

Kenneth L. Collard, M.D.	6/30/78
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Selectmen's Report

I am submitting the report of the Board of Selectmen for the year ending December 31, 1977. In April the Board welcomed new member Richard K. Cook, Sr. replacing Peter M. Dearnness who did not seek reelection. The new Board organized as follows:

William G. Whitlock: Chairman, Liaison to Administration

Kenneth H. Snow: Vice-Chairman, Liaison to Highway Department and Maintenance

Bernard F. Wilkes, Jr.: Liaison to Public Safety Departments

Shirley A. Dorey: Clerk, Liaison to Recreation Programs, Historical Commission, Conservation Commission, Council on Aging, and all special committees

Richard K. Cook, Sr.: Liaison to Municipal Buildings and Services

As we have stated in our past reports, it appears that the Town of Belchertown is in its fast growing period. This past year alone the Town has issued over 130 building permits for single family houses plus permits for 88 apartment units and another 61 apartment units for the elderly and handicapped. At the present time the Planning Board is also reviewing several new subdivisions and if they meet all Town requirements, they will be processed in the spring of 1978. By the increase in housing and population, we certainly can expect an increase in Town services and eventually this will show in an increase in the various Town budgets. It would appear from all indications, that the year of 1978 will even see a larger increase in the construction of new houses in our community. We certainly can be thankful for the foresight of some of our citizens in organizing a Planning Board and setting up guidelines in which the Town should proceed. Without these guidelines we certainly would have seen a much larger growth than we are anticipating. The mobilehome parks have also increased greatly with approximately 40 new installations during the past year. Many of these, however, are made up of families 40 years of age and over. This growth will also mean an expansion of our present sewer systems for which the Sewer Commissioners are presently gearing themselves. They have applied for and are working with federal grants in order to take care of the expanding needs in the various areas. Other services such as water which is a separate district are also taking steps to prepare their departments for the increases which are taking place. At the present time the school population has declined at the Kindergarten and elementary level but with the growth factor, there is no question but that our schools will feel the impact also. Many of the other services

such as the Highway Department, Police Department, Town Offices, and the Fire Department have already felt the impact of this growth and this is why you will see an increase in their budgets. Probably the main factor for such growth is the large surge of people coming from the city areas who want to live in a rural community. It would appear that the average age for new residents ranges in the vicinity of 35 years. With the abundant land and open space within close proximity to the city areas, Belchertown is a prime target for such growth.

This past year, the Board of Selectmen has put special emphasis on all Boards within the Town for more communication between Boards so that we will all be aware of what is taking place within the Town. The Board has met during the year with all appointed and elected Boards so that each group can be informed and kept abreast of all activities.

Probably the two Committees showing the most growth and expansion are the Council on Aging and the Parks, Beach, and Recreation Departments.

The Council on Aging has become very active and is probably one of the best organized groups in the area. They have many fine programs and fill a much needed service to the elderly of the community.

The programs of the Recreation Department have tripled due to the need for leisure time activities for people of all ages. We now have a full time director and two assistants to fully operate the programs. We feel that this Committee and its staff have done an excellent job in the running of the Recreation Department and we would like to thank all of those who have donated many long hours of their time and talent to help make these programs successful.

The Board of Selectmen, under the recommendation of Chief Gay, has supported the program for two new full time police officers to be added to the Department. We will now have, hopefully, by July 1 four full time police officers, Chief Gay, and about a dozen part time officers. The Police Department administers the operation of the Town ambulance service. All members of the Police Department have taken First Responder courses and are registered in Emergency Medical Training. These courses have made our officers very skilled thus providing an excellent service to the community. Other residents of the community including several firefighters have also taken this course and help out on the ambulance in many instances. I would hope that each of you will read the Police Report in this Annual Report and take note of the number of activities to which that Department responds. This Board feels that the Police are providing an excellent professional ser-

vice to this community. The Police Department operates with three cruisers each of which logs an average of 60,000 to 80,000 miles per year. We have set up a program to trade one vehicle each year thereby keeping the equipment up to date and in top shape.

The Town of Belchertown is very fortunate to have its Fire Department as it is still a volunteer organization and the members are very dedicated to their work and to the protection of the citizens of Belchertown and their property. They provide top notch services at a minimal cost to the community. They also devote many hours of their time to attending classes and discussions on the latest firefighting techniques and emergency treatment thereby giving up a great deal of their free time for the public safety of the citizens of Town. Next year, under the Hampshire County budget, money has been appropriated to strengthen the Hampshire County Mutual Aid program and Belchertown will become a member. Under this program, we will receive many free educational programs and added equipment that will be distributed throughout the County.

At the last Annual Town Meeting the Town voted a position for a full time building inspector, zoning enforcement officer, and engineering aide. This position has been filled and has proven to be most successful. During the year approximately \$17,000.00 was received in permit fees. This coming year there will be a change in this position whereby the building inspector will take on the position of Assessors' field representative and do all of the outside field work for the Assessors. This should greatly improve and update the work for the Board of Assessors and bring added revenue to the Town.

We have had several CETA employees during the year and for the most part they have proven very successful and an asset to the Town. We have had a Planning Assistant/Grantswriter, Maintenceman, Clerk-Typist, Council on Aging Aide, Historical Commission Researcher, and Police Officer. We have also had a 7 man Forest Management team through CETA for which we received an \$80,000.00 grant to do a management study of our Town forest areas. As an offshoot of this program, we were able to distribute 100 cords of wood to various residents of the community. This project is still in operation and it is hoped that we will have more wood to distribute next fall.

The Town purchased the Finnerty property which is located next to the library and we are now in the process of renovating the house to support the offices of the Town Clerk and the new facilities for the Police Department.

Several other projects have been worked on over the course of the year which will be of future interest to our community. During the past year we have met several times with the Metropolitan District Commis-

sion, the Town of Amherst, and the City of Chicopee to discuss the use of Quabbin water by the towns of Belchertown and Amherst. We feel that there will be a need for the expansion of the Water District in the years to come and Quabbin should be considered as a major source. The Town's water resources are now committed to the Springfield, Bondsville, Amherst, and Quabbin water sheds.

Another project which has finally come to fruition is the Route 181 bridge construction. This project is now being drafted by the Department of Public Works and will be funded by the federal government. Hopefully, construction will start in 1978 or at least the contract will be let.

We have applied for several grants through our consultant and grantswriter. We did receive a technical assistance planning grant through the Department of Community Development and hopefully we will be successful on some of the other grants for which we have applied.

After reviewing the findings of the Site and Study Committee and the Land Evaluation Committee, both of which recommended that the Town look at land at the Belchertown State School for future expansion of Town facilities such as schools and recreation, we are looking into receiving a parcel of land from the Department of Mental Health. Hopefully we will be able to secure this land with the help of the residents of the community.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the appointed and elected Boards for their time and cooperation. We would also like to extend our thanks to the citizens of the community. Hopefully, by all working together we will make Belchertown an ideal place to live.

William G. Whitlock, Chairman



Town Accountant's Report

I hereby submit my annual report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1977.

Respectfully submitted,
Eleanor W. Moriarty, Town Accountant

RECEIPTS

GENERAL REVENUE

TAXES

Local	
Property	\$1,462,691.45
Tax Title Redem.	855.60
Farm Animal Excise	1,136.20
Lieu Taxes	96,860.04
State Local Aid Fund	
School Aid	462,295.86
	<u>\$2,023,839.15</u>

LICENSES AND PERMITS

Alcoholic Beverages	5,199.00
All Other	25,653.74
	<u>30,852.74</u>

FINES AND FORFEITS

Court Fines & Restitutions	1,910.00
Subdivision Guarantee	739.56
	<u>2,649.56</u>

GRANTS AND GIFTS

Federal	
Revenue Sharing	135,173.00
Antirecessional	17,578.00
Schools	
Public Law 864	3,098.98
Public Law 874	1,573.35
	<u>157,423.33</u>

State

Schools	
Transportation	242,500.00
Vocational Ed	3,753.00
Food Service	43,252.75
Building Assist.	23,250.00
Disadvantaged	18,272.00
Library	3,159.29
Other Purposes	
Highways-Ch 825	61,734.96
Highways-Ch 497	59,407.40
Library Aid	2,226.00
Lottery	47,544.87
Other	13,798.65
	<u>518,898.92</u>

County

Dog Fund	5,246.99
Gifts	3,591.47
	<u>8,838.46</u>

ALL OTHER GENERAL REVENUE

Tailings	320.14
CETA Reimbursement	4,126.80
	<u>4,446.94</u>

SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS

Sewer Connections	800.00
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PRIVILEGES

Motor Vehicle	199,101.16
Trailer	15,144.00
Pole Locations	42.00
	<u>214,287.16</u>

DEPARTMENTAL

General Government	
Selectmen	32.00
Collector	1,179.00
Town Clerk	3,489.06
Planning Board	350.00
Board of Appeals	240.00
Buildings	205.00
Other	2,172.50
	<u>7,667.56</u>

Public Safety

Police	6,674.15
Sealer	260.50
Dog Officer	145.00
	<u>7,079.65</u>

Health & Sanitation

Board of Health	2,345.00
Sewer Rentals	14,371.17
Refuse Disposal	465.00
Other	684.20
	<u>17,865.37</u>

Highways

General	1,742.27
State-Ch 765	50,192.00
Machinery Rental	2,159.35
Sale-Pickup	230.00
	<u>54,323.62</u>

Veterans' Services

	11,347.58
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Schools

Industrial Arts	168.69
Sale of Books	82.53
Food Services	48,103.21
Athletics	2,222.03

Band Revolving	250.00	
Insurance Claim	200.00	
Other	<u>114.72</u>	
		51,141.18
Cemeteries		
Sale of Lots	1,260.00	
Care of Lots	540.00	
Miscellaneous	<u>2,015.00</u>	
		3,815.00
Interest		
On Deposits	25,033.86	
On Taxes	7,816.82	
On Investments	95.47	
On Trust Funds		
Public Assist.	1,202.85	
Schools	574.92	
Cemeteries	1,102.37	
Revenue Sharing	10,426.70	
Antirecessional	<u>476.12</u>	
		46,729.11
Municipal Indebtedness		
Temporary Loans		85,424.00
Agency, Trust, Investment		
Agency		
Licenses for State	7,926.50	
Dog Licenses	4,051.80	
Payroll Deductions		
Federal	209,279.90	
State	69,577.49	
Group Insur.	29,444.37	
Retirement	75,970.94	
Schools	23,900.81	
Other	826.00	
Trust		
Perpetual Care Fund	1,451.50	
Other Public Fund	<u>486.64</u>	
		422,915.95
Refunds		
Public Safety	79.74	
Highways	48.96	
Veterans' Benefits	1,626.90	
Schools	96.14	
All Other	<u>1,705.30</u>	
		3,557.04
TOTAL RECEIPTS		\$3,673,902.32
Balance 7/1/76 General		888,830.92
Balance 7/1/76 F.R.S.		<u>153,975.18</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS & CASH		<u>\$4,716,708.42</u>

EXPENDITURES

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Moderator		\$25.00
Selectmen, Salaries		5,200.00
Expenses:		
Telephone	\$1,746.18	
Mileage	935.35	
Assoc. Dues	593.50	
Meetings	1,226.56	
Office Supplies	327.60	
Postage, Box Rent	419.83	
Advertisement	476.72	
Home Rule	<u>19.11</u>	
		5,744.85
Town Accountant-Secretary		
Salary		8,754.05
Assistant Wage		7,289.06
Expenses:		
Meetings	590.15	
Mileage	127.80	
Office Supplies	367.97	
Service Agreement	114.00	
School	250.00	
Advertisement	167.84	
Postage	<u>52.00</u>	
		1,669.76
Treasurer, Clerk,		
Collector Salary		11,000.00
Assistant Treasurer Wage		8,667.00
Assistant Clerk Wage		7,687.00
Clerical Wage		6,590.95
Treasurer Expenses:		
Postage	1,022.00	
Office Supplies	780.98	
Dues, Mtgs., Mlg.	52.13	
Meter Rental	132.00	
Maintenance Agree	207.81	
Filing & Cert. Fee	45.00	
Repairs	26.50	
Bond	<u>392.00</u>	
		2,658.42
Collector Expenses:		
Postage	1,678.50	
Office Supplies	939.60	
Dues, Meetings	73.00	
Maint. Agreement	60.00	
Repair	44.00	

Mailing Rental	136.20	
Filing Fee	10.00	
Advertising	52.80	
Bond	525.00	
		3,519.10
Town Clerk Expenses:		
Postage, Box Rent	193.00	
Telephone	465.56	
Dues, Mtgs., Mlg.	80.56	
Office Supplies	504.49	
Books	69.75	
Maint. Agreement	148.77	
Bond	20.00	
Advertising	36.79	
		1,518.92
Assessors Salaries	2,600.00	
Office Manager Wage	8,457.00	



Junior Clerk Wage	6,950.00	
Maintaining Valuation Wage	4,124.76	
Expenses:		
Postage, Box Rent	401.63	
Supplies	746.29	
Transfers, Deeds	343.50	
Telephone	544.58	
Dues, Mtgs., Mlg.	996.08	
Repairs	65.85	
Service Agreement	54.50	
App. File, Maint.	2,926.44	
Filing Fees	14.00	
Revaluation of Prop.	9,834.12	
Enc. Mapping & Exp.	1,980.00	
		17,906.99
Finance Committee		
Expenses:		
Dues	60.00	
Supplies	9.25	
		69.25

Law Account		
Retainer Fee	3,500.00	
Books	203.50	
Services	216.00	
Dues	30.00	
Appraisal	100.00	
		4,049.50
Special Law Account		100.00
Election & Registration		
Clerical Wage		1,335.94
Registrar Wage		4,226.60
Street List Wage		1,332.90
Clerk, Registrar Salary		150.00
Expenses:		
Posting	35.00	
Office Supplies	727.31	
Meals	283.30	
Mileage	45.08	
Postage	150.00	
		1,240.69
Planning Board		
Wage		673.36
Expenses:		
Consultant	1,178.00	
Telephone	199.07	
Office Supplies	491.98	
Advertising	88.13	
Dues	40.00	
Keys	5.75	
Mileage	37.67	
Postage	26.00	
Encumbered	2,000.00	
		4,066.60
Eng. Svcs./Zoning Enf.		
Salary		6,510.19
Expenses:		
Mileage	349.99	
Easement-Stebbins St.	294.35	
Registry of Deeds	2.25	
Supplies	18.77	
Cottage Street	373.75	
Postage	11.53	
Rt. 9-Federal St.	172.50	
Subdivisions	501.40	
		1,724.54
Maint./Groundskeeper		
Wage		6,902.24
Expenses:		
Mileage	271.88	
Supplies	201.14	
		473.02
Board of Appeals		
Wage		332.03

Expenses:		
Advertising	97.25	
Supplies	<u>2.80</u>	
		100.05
Historical Commission		
Mileage	90.58	
Film	<u>5.61</u>	
		96.19
Council on Aging		
Wage		10,962.00
Expenses:		
Telephone	640.18	
Gas & Mileage	1,628.17	
Supplies	174.74	
Postage	90.30	
Rent	1,800.00	
Copies	293.98	
Advertisement	30.94	
Dues	25.00	
Repairs	76.73	
Van	<u>3,268.00</u>	
		8,028.04
Bicentennial Commission		
Band, July 4th Picnic	250.00	
Tent Rental	265.00	
Band, October 9th	275.00	
Bulletin Board	78.98	
Supplies	2.36	
Marker-Time Capsule	<u>175.00</u>	
		1,046.34
Industrial Development		
Mileage	46.62	
Supplies	<u>9.95</u>	
		56.57
Conservation Commission		
Postage	3.50	
Supplies	26.63	
Speaker	<u>5.00</u>	
		35.13
Consultant Services		1,450.00
Lawrence Memorial Hall		
Wage		91.35
Expenses:		
Utilities	843.54	
Care of Grounds	224.05	
Maint. & Repair	519.95	
Supplies	223.56	
Sidewalks	557.60	
Front Doors	<u>250.00</u>	
		2,618.70
Town Garages		
Wage		57.85

Expenses:		
Utilities	4,291.22	
Telephone	446.77	
Repairs, Maint.	969.18	
Cleaner Rental	169.25	
Supplies	1,034.48	
Cylinder Rental	179.40	
Time Clock	360.72	
Gas	<u>23.00</u>	
		7,474.02
Old Town Hall		
Utilities	486.85	
Fuel	2,177.40	
Repairs	513.17	
Supplies	<u>141.79</u>	
		3,319.21
Forest Management Project		
Supplies	390.80	
Gas	<u>10.60</u>	
		401.40
Town Common		
Wages		80.00
Paving Payroll		296.32
Care of Grounds	973.50	
Supplies	458.61	
Utilities	<u>28.36</u>	
		1,460.47
Town Clock		400.00
PUBLIC SAFETY		
Police Department		
Chief's Salary		14,515.00
Full Time Wage		16,401.75
Part Time Wage		38,345.93
Ambulance Training		785.15
Expenses:		
Telephone	2,526.66	
Radio	2,144.75	
Gas	9,333.54	
Vehicle Maint.	7,606.42	
Dues, Adv., Postage	1,344.77	
Equip., Uniforms	1,716.75	
Mileage	99.64	
Prisoner Food	42.36	
Pistol Permits	70.00	
Breathalyzer Train.	142.00	
Towing, Trucking	137.00	
Exams, School	553.17	
Breathalyzer	<u>995.00</u>	
		26,712.06
Fire Department		
Chief's Salary		900.00
Wages		5,223.40



Expenses:		
Telephone	1,071.74	
Utilities	576.04	
Fuel	911.90	
School, Subs., Dues	45.00	
Radio	269.59	
Repair	884.33	
Supplies	1,492.09	
Postage	13.00	
Advertisement	24.97	
Burn Permits	60.00	
Snow Plowing	125.00	
Food	20.82	
		5,494.48
Hydrant Service		5,875.00
Sealer of Weights & Measures		
Salary		325.00
Expenses:		
Mileage	104.02	
Supplies	10.95	
Dues	15.00	
		129.97
Dog Officer		
Wage		1,003.00
Expenses:		
Postage, Adv.	106.17	
Collars	40.40	
Supplies	18.00	
		164.57
Gas Inspector Supplies		7.80
Wiring Inspector		
Wage		2,467.00
Expenses:		
Mileage	484.96	
Supplies	34.85	
		519.81
Building Inspector		
Salary		450.00
Wage		36.00

Inspections	3,240.00
Expenses:	
Postage	52.00
Supplies	208.15
Mileage	287.28
Meetings	4.00

551.43

Civil Defense	
Salary	350.00
Expenses:	
Gas	12.73
Radio	98.78
Repairs	31.26
Mileage	54.58

197.35

Insect Pest Control	
Expenses:	
Hired Equipment	1,228.50
Material	274.35

1,502.85

Dutch Elm Disease	
Wage	1,285.00
Brown Wage	924.00
Expenses:	
Hired Equipment	1,294.00
Tree Warden	
Wage	1,008.00
Brown Wage	892.50
Expenses:	
Hired Equipment	928.50
Trees	591.60
Meetings, Mileage	51.40
Dues	13.00

1,584.50

HEALTH & SANITATION

Board of Health	
Salaries	683.25
Wages:	
Perc Test	1,780.00
Clerical	142.50
Sanitarian	600.00
Animal Inspector	300.00
Plumbing Inspector	912.00
Clk. Infectious dis.	100.00

3,834.50

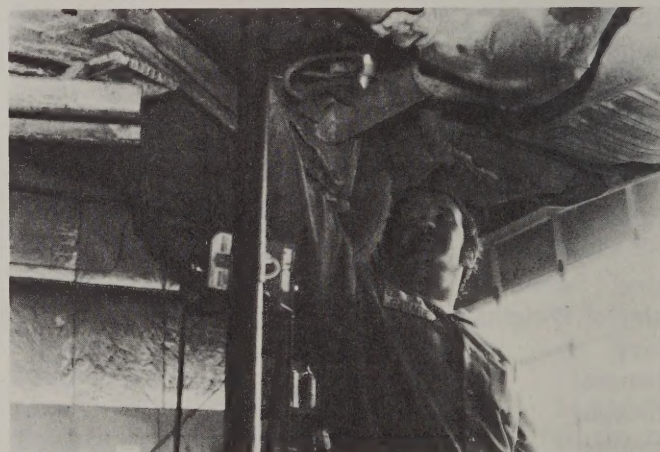
Expenses:	
Sanitarian	360.00
Pest Control	120.00
Postage, Off. Sup.	160.26
Clinic	1,416.00
Nurse Service	4,667.00
Flu-Polio Clinic	425.41

Mileage	711.55	
Meetings, Dues	9.00	
		7,869.22
Sewer Commissioners Salaries		1,250.00
Sewer Maintenance Wage		1,493.75
Expenses:		
Hired Equipment	755.98	
Supplies, Material	482.31	
Repairs	345.00	
Clerical Wage	294.89	
Sewer Const. Eng.	10,666.68	
		12,544.86
Sanitary Landfill Area		
Wage		12,829.98
Expenses:		
Material	138.88	
Hired Equipment	168.00	
Engineer	213.71	
		520.59

HIGHWAYS

Superintendents' Salary		12,202.00
General Wage & Paid Holidays		29,893.01
Expenses:		
Rubbish Removal	1,100.00	
Hired Equipment	342.00	
Hired Wage	80.00	
Painting Streets	1,594.75	
Street Signs	601.34	
Material	15,791.46	
Advertisement	228.16	
Call Time	231.36	
Brushcutting	3,016.50	
Mowing	1,840.00	
		24,825.57
Benefits		
Sick Pay	3,905.92	
Vacation	3,654.80	
Personal	721.36	
Funeral	77.12	
		8,359.20
Chapter 765		
Wage		6,861.16
Expenses:		
Town Equipment	2,159.35	
Hired Equipment	25,570.00	
Material	19,516.54	
Isaac's Corner	4,400.00	
S. Main St. Paving	5,789.06	
		57,434.95
Chapter 825		
Wage		9,067.68

Expenses:		
Material	5,791.52	
Paving-3 Rivers Rd.	19,151.24	
Paint	739.76	
Hired Equipment	2,558.00	
		28,240.52
Streets		
Wage		5,346.03
Expenses:		
Material	10,073.66	
Hired Equipment	654.00	
Hired Wage	579.50	
		11,307.16
Sidewalks		
Wage		1,867.74
Expenses:		
Material	659.40	
Hired Equipment	1,105.25	
		1,764.65



Bridges & Culverts		
Wage		3,195.97
Expenses:		
Hired Equipment	1,458.00	
Material	6,857.95	
Sprayer Rental	108.00	
		8,423.95
Snow Removal		
Wage		17,511.71
Expenses:		
Hired Equipment	20,985.75	
Salt	10,344.18	
Sand	5,486.25	
Advertisement	60.92	
Supplies	62.50	
Cutting Edge	578.64	
Calcium Chloride	757.50	
		38,275.74

Poole Rd. Drainage Payroll	749.85
Stebbins St. Drainage Payroll	587.72
Bay Rd. Drainage Payroll	73.36
Guarantee Deposit-Rita Lane	739.56
Road Machinery Expense	
Diesel Fuel	1,750.42
Fuel Tax	425.30
Repairs	1,928.03
Gas	9,390.38
Material	7,759.87
Radio	111.65
Welding	48.00
Licenses	4.00
Tires	417.48

21,835.13

Street Lighting 13,392.90

VETERANS' DEPARTMENT

Veterans' Agent	
Salary	2,100.00
Wage	551.80
Expenses:	
Postage, Supp.	63.19
Benefits:	
OB	15,007.40
Heat	915.80
Doctor, Nurse	363.43
Medicine	99.70
Hospital	1,673.74
Metpath	63.30
Encumbered	2,324.89

20,448.26

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

General Control No. 1000	
Salaries	37,267.80
Expenses:	
Dues, Meetings	2,563.76
Office Supplies	606.77
Postage, Box Rent	215.68
Books	235.00
Rental	132.00
Advertisement	149.62
Out of State Travel	122.53

4,025.36

Instruction No. 2000	
Salaries	979,516.56
Encumbered Salary	99,225.13
Expenses:	
Postage, Box Rent	804.78
Workshops	1,836.42
Subscriptions, Books	23,816.79
Office Supplies	5,478.28

Chapter 766	4,932.85
Travel, Dues	4,892.96
Supplies	63,191.65
Credit Courses	2,397.85
Out of State Travel	1,168.35

108,519.93

Other School Service No. 3000

Professional Salary	18,377.89
Non-Professional Salary	16,754.30
Encumbered Salary	1,375.60

Expenses:

Transportation	97,174.21
Enc. Transportation	3,453.30
Cleaning & Towels	804.10
Supplies & Equipment	3,381.73
Officials, Fld. Trips	12,770.09
Chapter 766	2,791.10
Entry fees, Dues	388.63

120,763.16

Operating & Maintenance No. 4000

Salaries 81,310.54

Expenses:

Telephone	7,635.52
Electric	22,724.35
Heat	38,726.32
Gas	893.61
Care-Grounds	5,430.09
Repair & Maint.	40,417.54
Supplies & Equip.	33,794.76
Pest Control	153.00
Rubbish Removal	879.05
Water	896.64
Dues	25.00
Agreements	4,909.71
Paving	12,514.04

168,999.63

Fixed Assets No. 7000

Expenses:

Balance Scales 453.64

Programs with Other Schools No. 9000

Expenses:

Tuition	2,873.34
Transportation	23,383.00
Enc. Transp.	2,070.00
Transp. Chap. 766	2,116.21
Tuition Chap. 766	15,572.64
Chapter 766	1,842.04
Membership	904.20
Tutoring	96.00

48,857.43

Clapp Memorial Library

Wage 6,981.00

Expenses:

Mileage	74.06
Books	2,442.47

Telephone	201.19	
Heat	1,709.47	
Electric	382.78	
Insurance	736.00	
Office Supplies	265.22	
Care of Grounds	293.00	
Repair & Supplies	171.84	
Service Agreement	232.36	
Rental	11.66	
		<u>6,520.05</u>



RECREATION AND UNCLASSIFIED

Parks, Beach, Recreation		
Director Salary		7,225.23
Wages:		
Swim Instructor	1,177.36	
Lifeguard	3,030.45	
Baseball	698.10	
Swim Team Coach	322.40	
Other	1,727.64	
		<u>6,955.95</u>

Expenses:		
Telephone	532.90	
Electric	240.11	
Care-Grounds	711.91	
Equipment	1,631.83	
Supplies	724.46	
Repairs	373.90	
Swim, Babe Ruth	96.25	
Postage	73.04	
Printing	79.64	
Bus	185.70	
Mileage	117.88	
		<u>4,767.62</u>

Town Appropriations		
Pensions	48,623.00	
Group Life	1,674.39	
Health Insurance	57,290.84	
		<u>107,588.23</u>

Insurance		45,752.75
Unclassified Account		
Expenses:		
3M Paper	1,182.60	
3M Maint. Agreement	213.00	
Costumes	41.50	
Stationery	20.70	
		<u>1,457.80</u>

Unclassified Section		
Expenses:		
Unpaid Bills	1,403.02	
Pathfinder	114,904.11	
Patriotic Exercises	145.40	
Print Town Report	3,159.27	
		<u>119,611.80</u>

CEMETERIES

Cemetery Commissioners		
Salary		600.00
Wage		2,042.62
Expenses:		
Open, Close	1,000.00	
Care-Grounds	9,372.22	
Repair	88.58	
Supplies	209.98	
Postage	26.00	
Snow Plowing	422.00	
Purchase Cemetery Land	1.00	
Advertisement	33.84	
		<u>11,153.62</u>

Veterans' Graves		
Wage		210.00
Expense:		
Flags		171.25

INTEREST AND MATURING DEBT

Interest		
1963 School Loan	10,462.50	
Temporary Loans	3,593.53	
		<u>14,056.03</u>
Maturing Debt		
1963 School	45,000.00	
Temporary Loan	159,732.00	
		<u>204,732.00</u>

PETTY CASH

Schools	225.00	
Assessors	25.00	
Accountant	300.00	
		<u>550.00</u>

REFUNDS			Nellie Brown Cemetery Fund			18.50
Current Year			Whiting Street Poor Fund			60.00
Real Estate	13,217.79		Willard Stebbins Cemetery Fund			1,173.00
Personal Prop.	1,205.12		Calvin Bridgman H.S. Fund			612.88
Motor Vehicle Ex. 1976	3,539.28		Parsons Field Fund			3.22
Motor Vehicle Ex. 1977	1,048.20		Calvin Bridgman Library Fund			202.20
Sewer 1976	528.00		Public Law Funds			
		19,538.39	Title I-Salary Project Prepare			5,304.00
Previous Year			Title IV-Oil			1,309.05
Motor Vehicle		238.00	ESEA Title I-Salary 1976-77 S.Y.			18,181.14
Estimated Receipts		113.23	Title I-Expense Project Prepare			443.00
DOG OFFICER FEES			Title I-Expense Project Assist.			226.22
Care & Custody	3,840.00		Title II-1974 Library Expense			7.71
Destroying	440.00		Title II-1975 Library Expense			13.88
		4,280.00	Title I-Library Expense 89-10			1,256.07
PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS			LSCA Title I-Library			5,540.03
Federal Withholding	214,933.50		Title IV B Library Expense 93-380			506.90
Retirement	23,189.19		Title I Expense 1976-77 School Year			90.00
State Withholding	71,475.05		Title III Transportation			576.52
Employee-Blue Cross	22,408.25		Title Returned Balance			170.64
Pensioner-Blue Cross	296.11		School Lunch			
OME-Blue Cross	3,584.23		Wage			23,196.28
Group Life	1,005.84		Expenses:			
Cancer Care	1,373.60		Tax			381.76
Union Dues	826.00		Food			59,037.10
Teacher Annuities	14,543.91		Supplies & Paper			8,990.79
Teacher Retirement	55,843.91		Trucking			315.48
Employee-Valley Health	84.28					68,725.13
Secretary-Aide Dues	922.98		REVOLVING FUNDS			
Teacher Dues	9,548.52		Police			3,343.50
		420,035.37	Book Fund			95.75
STATE AND COUNTY ASSESSMENTS			Athletic			2,996.96
State Recreation Areas	18,946.76		Highways-Off Duty			25.02
Motor Vehicle Excise Bills	770.70		Band			126.03
LPV Air Pollution	549.88		Industrial Arts			297.20
LPV Regional Planning	558.48		INSURANCE CLAIMS			
County Tax	114,399.59		Bass Fiddle			200.00
		135,225.41	Band Uniforms			71.28
AGENCY, TRUST, INVESTMENT			FEDERAL REVENUE SHARING			
Agency			Town Common Paving			846.18
Sporting Licenses	8,266.50		Selectmen File Cabinet			150.00
Dog Licenses	3,973.30		Zoning Enf. File Cabinet			92.88
Trust			High School Band Bldg.			5,560.37
Cemetery Perpetual Care-Bequest	540.00		Police Dept. Radios			2,200.00
Cemetery Perpetual Care-Income	1,102.37		Police Dept. Guns			1,086.66
Susan M.D. Bridgman Income Poor Fund	2,176.24		Selectmen Desk Lamp			50.00
			Highways-Chain Saw			200.00
			Highways-Bench Grinder			189.95
			Highways-Hydraulic Jack			182.50
			Highways-Air Wrench			334.90

Bay Road Drainage	145.36	Lawrence Mem. Hall-Roof	7,200.00
Highways-Radios	4,000.00	Ambulance Training	851.15
Highways-Tire Cage	55.02	Lawrence Mem. Hall-Front Door	1,250.00
Assessors-Map Cabinet	200.00	Council Aging-Van	4,300.00
Dog Officer—Trap & Catch	102.37	Old Garage Renovation	499.40
Highways—Hoist	4,700.00	Building Insp. File	168.54
Veterans' File Cabinet	157.81	Highways-Pick-up	4,295.00
Red Bridge Study	500.00		
Police-Breathalyzer Train.	142.00	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	3,688,359.94
Bartlett Property	5,000.00	Balance 6/30/77 General	763,141.71
Bandstand Renovations	917.52	Balance 6/30/77 FRS	247,152.65
Fire Dept. Hose	1,403.44	Balance 6/30/77 AR	18,054.12
Fire-Couplings & Truck Tools	178.81		
Poole Road Drainage	3,500.00	TOTAL EXPENDITURE & CASH	4,716,708.42
Stebbins St. Drainage	1,962.37		

TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN
Balance Sheet—June 30, 1977

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

Assets

Cash:	
General	\$763,141.71
Accounts Receivable:	
Taxes	
Levy of 1969	
Personal Property	6.90
Levy of 1970	
Personal Property	55.20
Levy of 1971	
Personal Property	715.20
Levy of 1972	
Personal Property	614.10
Levy of 1973	
Personal Property	874.28
Levy of 1974	
Personal Property	522.50
Levy of 1975	
Personal Property	\$ 1,373.10
Real Estate	2,599.81
	3,972.91
Levy of 1976	
Personal Property	3,037.05
Real Estate	25,399.10
	28,436.15
Levy of 1977	
Personal Property	2,842.07
Real Estate	114,428.00
	117,270.07
Motor Vehicle Excise	
Levy of 1969	627.92
Levy of 1970	2,634.81

Liabilities & Reserves

Payroll Deductions:	
Federal Withholding	\$ 437.20
Retirement	2,644.01
State Withholding	162.23
Teachers' Retirement	3,748.42
Teachers' Annuities	1,390.71
Group Medical	
Insurance	3,827.98
Group Live Insurance	105.31
	\$ 12,315.86
Agency	
County Dog Licenses	307.65
Tailings	320.14
Gifts & Bequests:	
Ambulance Fund	1,360.06
Investment Funds:	
To Be Invested	
Conservation Fund	2,623.20
Federal Grants:	
Schools	
Public Law No. 874	1,005.11
Public Law No. 93-380	389.06
Public Law No. 93-380	1,893.40
Public Law No. 89-10	5.69
Public Law No. 89-10	9.82
ESEA 1976-77 School	
Year	.86
	3,303.94

Levy of 1971	4,985.64	
Levy of 1972	6,675.59	
Levy of 1973	9,226.70	
Levy of 1974	8,254.93	
Levy of 1975	8,378.90	
Levy of 1976	17,159.01	
Levy of 1977	50,713.37	
		108,656.87

Special Assessments

Sewer		
Rental of 1974	76.91	
Rental of 1975	126.34	
Rental of 1976	1,055.00	
Rental of 1977	10,746.71	
		12,004.96

Miscellaneous		
Title I Library	139.25	
Title III Council on Aging	23.48	
		162.73
State Grants		
Local Growth Policy		450.00

Revolving Funds:

School Lunch	1,022.78	
Athletics	230.47	
Industrial Arts	375.85	
Band	310.48	
Police—Off Duty Work		
Detail	18.00	
Lost & Damaged Books	18.37	
		1,975.95

Insurance Claims:

Police Radios		882.00
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Appropriation Balances:

Revenue		
General	160,680.39	
Non Revenue		
Jr.-Sr. High School	1,688.30	
Interceptor Sewer	2,231.61	
		164,600.30

Loans Authorized & Unissued

850,000.00

Overestimates of 1977

County Tax	1,905.67	
County Hospital	1,373.68	
State Recreational Areas	1,061.37	
LPV Air Pollution District	26.03	
		4,366.75
Sale of Real Estate		3,363.68
Sale of Cemetery Lots		525.00

Receipts Reserved for Appropriation

Photo Musicale	800.00	
Road Machinery		
Earnings	271.35	
		1,071.35

Reserve Fund—Overlay Surplus

12,137.38

Overlays—Reserved for Abatement

Levy of 1970	55.20
Levy of 1971	715.20



Special Taxes

Farm Animal Excise		
Levy of 1976		163.50

Tax Titles & Tax Possessions

Tax Titles	16,096.85	
Tax Possessions	2,119.19	
		18,216.04

Departmental

Highways &		
Miscellaneous	1,718.67	
Veterans' Services	5,926.92	
		7,645.59

Aid to Highways		Levy of 1972	614.10	
State	1,424.00	Levy of 1973-74	1,396.78	
		Levy of 1975	3,972.91	
Due from County		Levy of 1976	7,986.53	
Dog Officer Fees	3,882.00	Levy of 1977	15,810.08	
				30,550.80
Revenue to 1978	2,669,660.55	Revenue Reserved until Collected		
Loans Authorized	850,000.00	Motor Vehicle Excise	108,656.87	
Unprovided for or		Farm Animal Excise	163.50	
Overdrawn Accounts		Special Assessments	12,004.96	
		Tax Titles &		
Underestimates 1977		Possessions	18,216.04	
Lower Pioneer Valley		Departmental	7,645.59	
Regional Planning	558.48	Aid to Highways	3,884.00	
				150,570.96
Overlay Deficit				
Overlay of 1969	299.00	Surplus Revenue		527,405.22
		Appropriations Control		
		Account		2,819,827.04
	<u>\$4,588,120.01</u>			<u>\$4,588,120.01</u>

FEDERAL REVENUE SHARING ACCOUNTS

Assets		Liabilities and Reserves	
Special Cash	\$247,152.65	Federal Grants:	
		Public Law No. 92-512	
Due From Public Law No. 92-512		Entitlement Period No. 5	\$ 13,942.64
Entitlement Period No. 5	\$ 12,693.43	Entitlement Period No. 6	137,905.99
Entitlement Period No. 6	136,734.42	Entitlement Period No. 7	63,541.55
Entitlement Period No. 7	57,177.64		\$215,390.18
	206,605.49	Public Law No. 94-488	
Due From Public Law No. 94-488		Entitlement Period No. 8	31,762.47
Entitlement Period No. 8	29,500.00	Appropriations Control	
		Account	137,961.65
		Appropriation Balances	98,143.84
	<u>\$483,258.14</u>		<u>\$483,258.14</u>

ANTIRECESSIONAL REVENUE

Assets		Liabilities and Reserves	
Special Cash	\$ 18,054.12	Public Law No. 94-369 Title II	\$ 18,054.12
Due from Public Law No. 94-369		Appropriations Control Account	16,558.00
Title II	16,558.00		
	<u>\$ 34,612.12</u>		<u>\$ 34,612.12</u>

TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

Assets

Liabilities and Reserves

Trust and Investment Funds:

Cash and Securities	\$361,404.91
	<u>\$361,404.91</u>

Cemetery Perpetual Care	\$ 45,372.82
Stabilization Fund	243,345.70
Susan M.D. Bridgman Cemetery Fund	805.36
Nellie E. Brown Cemetery Fund	1,604.32
Calvin Bridgman Library Fund	4,947.89
George D. Longley Music Fund	2,131.80
Calvin Bridgman High School Fund	7,328.22
Whiting Street Poor Fund	15,513.58
Susan M.D. Bridgman Poor Fund	38,094.68
Willard Stebbins Cemetery Fund	1,707.78
Vienna E. Somes Cemetery Fund	552.76
	<u>\$361,404.91</u>

DEBT ACCOUNTS

June 30, 1977

	Loan Issued	Rate	Outstanding 7/1/76	Paid in 76-77	Outstanding 6/30/77	Due in Fiscal 1978
New Jr.-Sr. High School Loan	1963	3.1	\$360,000.00	\$45,000.00	\$315,000.00	\$45,000.00

DEBT STATEMENT

June 30, 1977

Net Funded or Fixed Debt:

Outside Debt Limit	
General	<u>\$315,000.00</u>

Serial Loans:

Outside Debt Limit	
School Building Loan 1963	<u>\$315,000.00</u>



APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES FOR FISCAL 1977

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

	Balance Forward 6-30-76	Appro- priations ATM-STM	Refunds Transfers Adjustments	Amount Available Expenditure	Expended by Warrant	Expended by Journal	Unex- pended Balance	Balance to 1978
Moderator	-0-	\$ 25.00	\$ -0-	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	-0-
Selectmen—Salaries	-0-	5,200.00	-0-	5,200.00	5,200.00	-0-	-0-	-0-
Selectmen—Expense	-0-	4,450.00	1,295.00	5,745.00	5,744.85	-0-	.15	-0-
Accountant Secretary—Salary	-0-	9,292.00	-0-	9,292.00	8,754.05	-0-	537.95	-0-
Accountant Secretary—Wage	-0-	7,658.00	200.00	7,858.00	7,289.06	-0-	568.94	-0-
Accountant Secretary—Expense	-0-	1,550.00	339.00	1,889.00	1,669.76	100.00	119.24	-0-
Accountant—Out of State Travel	-0-	200.00	200.00	400.00	-0-	200.00	200.00	-0-
Town Clerk, Collector, Treasurer— Salary	-0-	11,000.00	-0-	11,000.00	11,000.00	-0-	-0-	-0-
Assistant Treasurer, Deputy Collector— Wage	-0-	8,667.00	-0-	8,667.00	8,667.00	-0-	-0-	-0-
Assistant Clerk, Deputy Collector—Wage	-0-	7,687.00	-0-	7,687.00	7,687.00	-0-	-0-	-0-
Clerk, Collector, Treasurer—Wage	-0-	5,952.00	875.00	6,827.00	6,590.95	-0-	236.05	-0-
Treasurer—Expense	-0-	2,640.00	20.00	2,660.00	2,658.42	-0-	1.58	-0-
Collector—Expense	-0-	3,525.00	-0-	3,525.00	3,519.10	-0-	5.90	-0-
Town Clerk—Expense	-0-	1,523.00	-0-	1,523.00	1,518.92	-0-	4.08	-0-
Assessors—Salary	-0-	2,600.00	-0-	2,600.00	2,600.00	-0-	-0-	-0-
Assessors—Office Manager Wage	-0-	8,457.00	-0-	8,457.00	8,457.00	-0-	-0-	-0-
Assessors—Junior Clerk Wage	-0-	6,950.00	-0-	6,950.00	6,950.00	-0-	-0-	-0-
Assessors—Wage	-0-	4,500.00	-0-	4,500.00	4,124.76	-0-	375.24	-0-
Assessors—Expense	-0-	9,555.00	39.00	9,594.00	7,092.87	25.00	2,476.13	2,476.13
Assessors—Encumbered Mapping & Expense	980.00	-0-	-0-	980.00	980.00	-0-	-0-	-0-
Assessors—Revaluation of Property	10,015.12	-0-	-0-	10,015.12	9,834.12	-0-	181.00	-0-
Law Account	-0-	4,600.00	-0-	4,600.00	4,049.50	-0-	550.50	-0-
Special Law Account	-0-	2,000.00	-0-	2,000.00	100.00	1,800.00	100.00	-0-
Finance Committee	-0-	200.00	-0-	200.00	69.25	-0-	130.75	-0-
Election & Registration—Salary	-0-	150.00	-0-	150.00	150.00	-0-	-0-	-0-
Election & Registration—Wage	-0-	6,500.00	573.60	7,073.60	6,930.44	-0-	143.16	-0-
Election & Registration—Expense	-0-	1,000.00	254.00	1,254.00	1,205.69	-0-	48.31	-0-
Planning Board—Wage	-0-	2,000.00	-0-	2,000.00	673.36	-0-	1,326.64	-0-
Planning Board—Expense	-0-	2,150.00	-0-	2,150.00	2,066.60	-0-	83.40	-0-
Planning Board—Encumbered Expense	-0-	-0-	-0-	2,000.00	2,000.00	-0-	-0-	-0-
Planning Board—Out of State Travel	2,000.00	-0-	-0-	50.00	-0-	-0-	50.00	-0-
Engineering Service/Zoning Enforce- ment—Salary	-0-	8,965.00	-0-	8,965.00	6,510.19	-0-	2,454.81	-0-
Eng.Svc./Zone Enf.—Exp. & Prof. Eng.	-0-	2,500.00	-0-	2,500.00	1,724.54	-0-	775.46	-0-
Maintenance/Groundskeeper—Wage	-0-	7,006.40	-0-	7,006.40	6,902.24	-0-	104.16	-0-
Maintenance/Groundskeeper—Expense	-0-	200.00	299.95	499.95	473.02	-0-	26.93	-0-

Board of Appeals—Wage	-0-	900.00	-0-	900.00	332.03	-0-	567.97	-0-
Board of Appeals—Expense	-0-	400.00	-0-	400.00	100.05	-0-	299.95	-0-
Conservation Commission—Wage	-0-	100.00	-0-	100.00	-0-	-0-	100.00	-0-
Conservation Commission—Expense	-0-	145.00	-0-	145.00	35.13	-0-	109.87	-0-
Council on Aging—Wage	-0-	10,920.00	42.00	10,962.00	10,962.00	-0-	-0-	-0-
Council on Aging—Expense	-0-	4,770.00	-0-	4,770.00	4,760.04	-0-	9.96	-0-
Council on Aging—Van	-0-	-0-	3,268.00	3,268.00	3,268.00	-0-	-0-	-0-
Industrial Development Commission	-0-	100.00	-0-	100.00	56.57	-0-	43.43	-0-
Historical Commission	-0-	100.00	50.00	150.00	96.19	-0-	53.81	-0-
Bicentennial Commission	1,405.06	-0-	45.40	1,450.46	1,046.34	-0-	404.12	-0-
Consultant Services	250.00	1,200.00	-0-	1,450.00	1,450.00	-0-	-0-	-0-
Lawrence Memorial Hall—Wage	-0-	950.00	-0-	950.00	91.35	500.00	358.65	-0-
Lawrence Memorial Hall—Expense	-0-	2,050.00	565.00	2,615.00	2,368.70	-0-	246.30	-0-
Lawrence Memorial Hall—Front Doors	-0-	-0-	250.00	250.00	250.00	-0-	-0-	-0-
Town Garage	-0-	7,500.00	355.50	7,855.50	7,531.87	-0-	323.63	-0-
Old Town Hall	-0-	4,000.00	-0-	4,000.00	3,319.21	65.00	615.79	-0-
Town Common	-0-	3,300.00	-0-	3,300.00	1,540.47	-0-	1,759.53	-0-
Town Common—Paving Payroll	-0-	-0-	296.32	296.32	296.32	-0-	-0-	-0-
Town Clock	-0-	400.00	-0-	400.00	400.00	-0-	-0-	-0-
Forest Management Project	-0-	19,200.00	-0-	19,200.00	401.40	-0-	18,798.60	18,798.60

PUBLIC SAFETY

Police Department—Chief's Salary	-0-	14,515.00	-0-	14,515.00	14,515.00	-0-	-0-	-0-
Police Department—Full Time Wage	-0-	18,636.00	-0-	18,636.00	16,401.75	2,000.00	234.25	-0-
Police Department—Part Time Wage	-0-	35,850.00	2,500.00	38,350.00	38,345.93	-0-	4.07	-0-
Police Department—Expense	-0-	26,000.00	319.74	26,319.74	25,575.06	-0-	744.68	-0-
Police Department— Breathalyzer	-0-	1,000.00	-0-	1,000.00	995.00	-0-	5.00	-0-
Breathalyzer Training Course Payroll	-0-	-0-	142.00	142.00	142.00	-0-	-0-	-0-
Ambulance Training Payroll	-0-	-0-	785.15	785.15	785.15	-0-	-0-	-0-
Fire Department—Chief's Salary	-0-	900.00	-0-	900.00	900.00	-0-	-0-	-0-
Fire Department—Wage	-0-	3,250.00	2,725.00	5,975.00	5,223.40	-0-	751.60	-0-
Fire Department—Expense	-0-	5,400.00	144.50	5,544.50	5,494.48	-0-	50.02	-0-
Fire Department—Capital Equipment	-0-	1,500.00	-0-	1,500.00	-0-	-0-	1,500.00	1,500.00
Hydrant Service	-0-	5,875.00	-0-	5,875.00	5,875.00	-0-	-0-	-0-
Water Storage Holes	-0-	300.00	-0-	300.00	-0-	-0-	300.00	-0-
Sealer Weights & Measures—Salary	-0-	325.00	-0-	325.00	325.00	-0-	-0-	-0-
Sealer Weights & Measures—Expense	-0-	130.00	-0-	130.00	129.97	-0-	.03	-0-
Dog Officer—Wage	-0-	900.00	150.00	1,050.00	1,003.00	-0-	47.00	-0-
Dog Officer—Expense	-0-	200.00	-0-	200.00	164.57	-0-	35.43	-0-
Wiring Inspector—Wage	-0-	1,750.00	717.00	2,467.00	2,467.00	-0-	-0-	-0-
Wiring Inspector—Expense	-0-	250.00	269.81	519.81	519.81	-0-	-0-	-0-
Building Inspector—Salary	-0-	450.00	-0-	450.00	450.00	-0-	-0-	-0-
Building Inspector—Wage	-0-	4,000.00	-0-	4,000.00	3,276.00	-0-	724.00	-0-

Building Inspector—Expense	-0-	955.00	-0-	955.00	551.43	-0-	403.57	-0-
Gas Inspector—Wage	-0-	50.00	-0-	50.00	-0-	-0-	50.00	-0-
Gas Inspector—Expense	-0-	50.00	-0-	50.00	7.80	-0-	42.20	-0-
Civil Defense—Salary	-0-	350.00	-0-	350.00	350.00	-0-	-0-	-0-
Civil Defense—Expense	-0-	260.00	-0-	260.00	197.35	-0-	62.65	-0-
Insect Pest Control—Expense	-0-	1,515.00	-0-	1,515.00	1,502.85	-0-	12.15	-0-
Dutch Elm Disease—Wage	-0-	2,050.00	-0-	2,050.00	1,837.50	-0-	212.50	-0-
Dutch Elm Disease—Expense	-0-	1,143.00	-0-	1,143.00	1,081.80	-0-	61.20	-0-
Tree Warden—Wage	-0-	2,275.00	-0-	2,275.00	2,272.00	-0-	3.00	-0-
Tree Warden—Expense	-0-	1,803.00	-0-	1,803.00	1,796.70	-0-	6.30	-0-

HEALTH AND SANITATION

Board of Health—Salary	-0-	700.00	-0-	700.00	683.25	-0-	16.75	-0-
Board of Health—Wage	-0-	3,550.00	284.50	3,834.50	3,834.50	-0-	-0-	-0-
Board of Health—Expense	-0-	7,450.00	-0-	7,450.00	5,852.22	-0-	1,597.78	-0-
Board of Health—Visiting Nurse	-0-	2,017.00	-0-	2,017.00	2,017.00	-0-	-0-	-0-
Sewer Maintenance—Salary	-0-	1,250.00	-0-	1,250.00	1,250.00	-0-	-0-	-0-
Sewer Maintenance—Wage	-0-	2,500.00	-0-	2,500.00	1,788.64	-0-	711.36	-0-
Sewer Maintenance—Expense	-0-	28,500.00	-0-	28,500.00	1,583.29	-0-	26,916.71	15,186.44
Sewer Construction & Engineering	20,000.00	-0-	-0-	20,000.00	10,666.68	-0-	9,333.32	9,333.32
Sanitary Landfill Area—Wage	-0-	15,200.00	-0-	15,200.00	12,829.98	-0-	2,370.02	-0-
Sanitary Landfill Area—Expense	-0-	225.00	400.00	625.00	520.59	-0-	104.41	-0-

HIGHWAYS

Highways—Superintendent's Salary	-0-	12,202.00	-0-	12,202.00	12,202.00	-0-	-0-	-0-
Highways—General Wage	-0-	30,000.00	-0-	30,000.00	27,042.45	1,974.81	982.74	-0-
Highways—General Expense	-0-	25,900.00	500.00	26,400.00	23,851.21	1,900.00	648.79	-0-
Highways—Benefit Pay	-0-	11,200.00	1,150.00	12,350.00	12,184.12	-0-	165.88	-0-
Highways—Chapter 90C 1974	-0-	-0-	1,500.00	1,500.00	-0-	1,500.00	-0-	-0-
Highways—Chapter 765	4,915.12	15,141.63	52,424.00	72,480.75	64,296.11	1,500.00	6,684.64	6,684.64
Highways—Chapter 825	8.39	33,425.00	3,874.81	37,308.20	37,308.20	-0-	-0-	-0-
Highways—Streets	-0-	18,000.00	-0-	18,000.00	16,653.19	-0-	1,346.81	-0-
Highways—Sidewalks	-0-	5,000.00	-0-	5,000.00	3,487.03	-0-	1,512.97	-0-
Highways—Bridges & Culverts	-0-	12,000.00	-0-	12,000.00	11,765.28	-0-	234.72	-0-
Highways—Poole Road Drainage System Payroll	-0-	-0-	749.85	749.85	749.85	-0-	-0-	-0-
Highways—Stebbins St. Drainage System	-0-	-0-	587.72	587.72	587.72	-0-	-0-	-0-
Highways—Bay Road Drainage System Payroll	-0-	-0-	73.36	73.36	73.36	-0-	-0-	-0-
Highways—Guarantee Deposit—Rita Lane	-0-	-0-	739.56	739.56	739.56	-0-	-0-	-0-
Highways—Snow Removal	-0-	65,000.00	-0-	65,000.00	55,787.45	-0-	9,212.55	-0-

Highways—Street Lighting	-0-	12,869.00	523.90	13,392.90	13,392.90	-0-	-0-
Highways—Road Machinery Expense	-0-	22,000.00	48.96	22,048.96	21,835.13	-0-	213.83

VETERANS SERVICES

Veterans' Agent—Salary	-0-	2,100.00	-0-	2,100.00	2,100.00	-0-	-0-
Veterans' Agent—Wage	-0-	800.00	-0-	800.00	551.80	-0-	248.20
Veterans' Agent—Expense	-0-	100.00	-0-	100.00	63.19	-0-	36.81
Veterans' Benefits	-0-	27,500.00	1,626.90	29,126.90	18,123.37	-0-	11,003.53
Veterans' Benefits—Encumbered	-0-	2,324.89	-0-	2,324.89	2,324.89	-0-	-0-

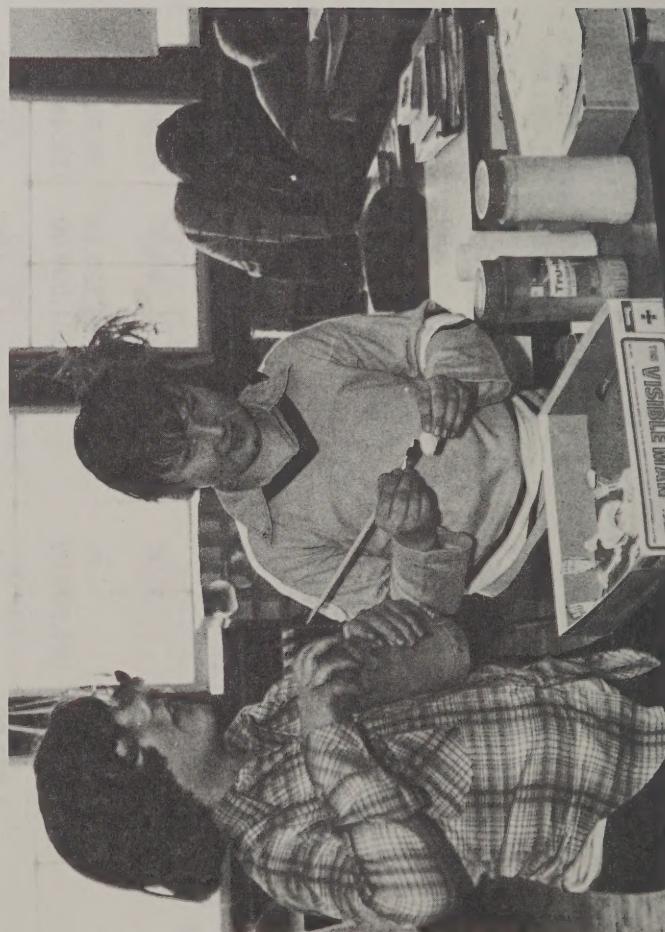
SCHOOLS & LIBRARIES

School Department No. 1000	-0-	41,936.00	50.00	41,986.00	41,170.63	750.00	65.37	-0-
School Department No. 1000 Out of State Travel	-0-	200.00	-0-	200.00	122.53	-0-	77.47	-0-
School Department No. 2000	-0-	1,182,229.00	10,515.00	1,192,744.00	1,087,168.14	622.26	104,953.60	104,802.42
School Department No. 2000 Out of State Travel	-0-	1,790.00	-0-	1,790.00	868.35	920.00	1.65	-0-
School Department No. 2000 Encumbered	99,225.13	-0-	-0-	99,225.13	99,225.13	-0-	-0-	-0-
School Department No. 3000	-0-	161,509.00	-0-	161,509.00	152,442.05	7,586.40	1,480.55	1,478.84
School Department No. 3000 Encumbered	4,828.90	-0-	-0-	4,828.90	4,828.90	-0-	-0-	-0-
School Department No. 4000	-0-	258,453.00	-0-	258,453.00	250,310.17	8,125.00	17.83	-0-
School Department No. 9000	-0-	40,740.00	6,272.26	47,012.26	46,787.43	220.00	4.83	-0-
School Department No. 9000 Encumbered	2,070.00	-0-	-0-	2,070.00	2,070.00	-0-	-0-	-0-
School Department—Balance Scales	480.00	-0-	-0-	480.00	453.64	-0-	26.36	-0-
Clapp Memorial Library—Wage	-0-	6,981.00	-0-	6,981.00	6,981.00	-0-	-0-	-0-
Clapp Memorial Library—Expense	-0-	6,475.22	45.62	6,520.84	6,520.05	-0-	.79	-0-

RECREATION & UNCLASSIFIED

Recreation Director—Salary	-0-	7,969.00	-0-	7,969.00	7,225.23	-0-	743.77	-0-
Parks, Beach, Recreation—Swim Instructor Wage	-0-	1,550.00	-0-	1,550.00	1,177.36	-0-	372.64	-0-
Parks, Beach, Recreation—Wage	-0-	6,736.00	-0-	6,736.00	5,778.59	500.00	457.41	145.00
Parks, Beach, Recreation—Expense	-0-	5,245.00	121.50	5,366.50	4,767.62	-0-	598.88	-0-
Insurance Account	-0-	44,117.00	1,888.00	46,005.00	45,752.75	-0-	252.25	-0-
Pensions	-0-	48,623.00	-0-	48,623.00	48,623.00	-0-	-0-	-0-
Blue Cross/Blue Shield—Town Appropriation	-0-	57,213.00	77.84	57,290.84	57,290.84	-0-	-0-	-0-
Group Life—Town Appropriation	-0-	1,715.00	-0-	1,715.00	1,674.39	-0-	40.61	-0-
Patriotic Exercises	-0-	300.00	-0-	300.00	145.40	-0-	154.60	-0-

Unpaid Bills	-0-	1,354.31	48.71	1,403.02	1,403.02	-0-	-0-
Printing Town Report	-0-	3,300.00	-0-	3,300.00	3,159.27	-0-	140.73
Unclassified Account	-0-	3,030.00	-0-	3,030.00	1,457.80	-0-	1,572.20
Reserve Fund	-0-	15,000.00	-0-	15,000.00	-0-	15,000.00	-0-
Pathfinder Operating & Maintenance	-0-	140,995.39	96.14	141,091.53	114,904.11	-0-	26,187.42
ENTERPRISE & CEMETERIES							
Cemetery Commissioners—Salary	-0-	600.00	-0-	600.00	600.00	-0-	-0-
Cemetery Commissioners—Wage	-0-	2,150.00	-0-	2,150.00	2,042.62	-0-	107.38
Cemetery Commissioners—Expense	-0-	13,200.00	-0-	13,200.00	11,152.62	275.00	1,772.38
Cemetery Commissioners—Grass	-0-	275.00	-0-	275.00	-0-	-0-	275.00
Clippers	-0-	400.00	-0-	400.00	381.25	-0-	18.75
Veterans' Graves	1.00	-0-	-0-	1.00	1.00	-0-	-0-
Purchase of Cemetery Land	-0-	20,463.00	-0-	20,463.00	14,056.03	-0-	6,406.97
Interest	-0-	45,000.00	-0-	45,000.00	45,000.00	-0-	-0-
Maturing Debt	-0-	45,000.00	-0-	45,000.00	45,000.00	-0-	-0-
	148,503.61	2,800,647.95	100,319.60	3,049,471.16	2,745,394.79	45,563.47	258,512.90
							160,680.39



Report of Town Treasurer

July 1, 1976 through June 30, 1977

Cash on hand 6/30/76	\$ 1,042,806.10	Payments, as authorized	\$ 3,688,359.94
Receipts 7/1/76-6/30/77	3,673,902.32	Cash on hand 6/30/77	1,028,348.48
	<u>\$ 4,716,708.42</u>		<u>\$ 4,716,708.42</u>

Interest Income from Savings Deposits, excluding Trust Funds \$25,255.92

Federal Revenue Sharing Account

Cash on Hand 6/30/76	\$ 153,975.18	Payments, as authorized	\$ 52,422.23
Receipts 7/1/76-6/30/77:		Cash on hand 6/30/77	247,152.65
			<u>\$299,574.88</u>

	Principal	Interest	
Ent. V		1074.28	
Ent. VI	41,711.00	7365.04	
Ent. VII	61,931.00	1755.91	
Ent. VIII	31,531.00	231.47	
	<u>135,173.00</u>	<u>10,426.70</u>	= 145,599.70
			\$ 299,574.88

Antirecession Program

Principal	Interest	Payments	Balance in Account 6/30/77
\$17,578.00	476.12		\$18,054.12

Funds borrowed during period 7/1/76-6/30/77, as authorized

Note	Purpose	From	Dated	Amount	Due Date	Rate	Interest
No. 284	Chap. 765-Acts of 1972 Highway Construction Anticipation of Reimbursement	Hampshire Nat'l. Bank	9/15/76	20,000.00	10/1/77	3.50	546.00
No. 285	Cancelled						
No. 286	Chap. 765-Acts of 1972 Highway Construction Anticipation of Reimbursement	Hampshire Nat'l. Bank	10/18/76	23,424.00	10/1/77	3.33	533.52

Total Borrowed—

Anticipation of Reimbursement \$43,424.00 @ \$1,079.52 interest

Trust Funds

Trust Funds	6/30/76	Deposits	Interest	Withdrawals	6/30/77
Calvin Bridgman (High School)	7,278.79	2.88	396.55	350.00	7,328.22
George D. Longley (Music)	2,267.85	—	123.95	260.00	2,131.80
Susan M.D. Bridgman (Cemetery)	763.63	—	41.73	—	805.36
Whiting Street	14,769.14	—	804.44	60.00	15,513.58
Willard A. Stebbins (Cemetery)	2,777.17	—	103.61	1,173.00	1,707.78

Calvin Bridgman (Library)	4,883.16	—	266.93	202.20	4,947.89
Susan M.D. Bridgman (Poor)	31,494.63	1,749.60	1,777.09	426.64	34,594.68
Vienna Somes (Mt. Hope Cemetery)	524.13	—	28.63	—	552.76
Perpetual Care (Cemeteries)	43,163.90	540.00	2,368.92	700.00	45,372.82
Nellie E. Brown (Mt. Hope Cemetery)	1,538.97	—	83.85	18.50	1,604.32
Stabilization Fund (Regular acct.)	441.87	—	24.11	—	465.98
Stabilization Fund (Special Notice acct.)	229,125.49	—	13,754.23	—	242,879.72
	339,028.73	2,292.48	19,774.04	3,190.34	357,904.91

Bank Stock Investment:

Susan M.D. Bridgman (Poor)—State Audit Value \$3500.00—12 month Dividend—\$1,202.85

Respectfully submitted,
Carl J. Peterson, Jr.
Treasurer

Tax and Town Collector Report

1974 Real Estate Taxes			Abated	299.00	
Outstanding 6/30/76	4,007.10		Collected	6.90	
Tax Title	121.00		Outstanding 6/30/77	6.90	
To Subsequent Tax Title	22.00			312.80	312.80
Collected	3,864.10				
Outstanding 6/30/77	.00		1970 Personal Property Taxes		
	4,007.10	4,007.10	Outstanding 6/30/76		367.20
			Abated	312.00	
1975 Fiscal Real Estate Taxes			Collected	.00	
Outstanding 6/30/76		16,964.23	Outstanding 6/30/77	55.20	
To Subsequent Tax Title	2,028.40			367.20	367.20
Collected	12,336.02				
Outstanding 6/30/77	2,599.81		1971 Personal Property Taxes		
	16,964.23	16,964.23	Outstanding 6/30/76		715.20
			Collected	.00	
1976 Fiscal Real Estate Taxes			Outstanding 6/30/77	715.20	
Outstanding 6/30/76		75,430.13		715.20	715.20
To Subsequent Tax Title	2,381.70				
Collected	47,649.33		1972 Personal Property Taxes		
Outstanding 6/30/77	25,399.10		Outstanding 6/30/76		614.10
	75,430.13	75,430.13	Outstanding 6/30/77	614.10	
				614.10	614.10
1977 Fiscal Real Estate Taxes			1973 Personal Property Taxes		
Committed for collection	1,494,411.98		Outstanding 6/30/76		874.28
Refunded	13,217.79		Outstanding 6/30/77	874.28	
To be refunded	196.00			874.28	874.28
Abated	50,988.93		1974 Personal Property Taxes		
Collected	1,344,296.56		Outstanding 6/30/76		522.50
Outstanding 6/30/77	112,540.28		Outstanding 6/30/77	522.50	
	1,507,825.77	1,507,825.77		522.50	522.50
1969 Personal Property Taxes					
Outstanding 6/30/76		312.80			

1975 Fiscal Personal Property Taxes

Outstanding 6/30/76		1,373.10
Outstanding 6/30/77	1,373.10	
	<u>1,373.10</u>	<u>1,373.10</u>

1976 Fiscal Personal Property Taxes

Outstanding 6/30/76		3,345.59
Collected	308.54	
Outstanding 6/30/77	3,037.05	
	<u>3,345.59</u>	<u>3,345.59</u>

1977 Fiscal Personal Property Taxes

Committed for collection		61,151.66
Refunded		1,205.12
Abated	3,200.99	
Collected	54,230.00	
Outstanding 6/30/77	4,925.79	
	<u>62,356.78</u>	<u>62,356.78</u>

**1975 Farm Animal Excises**

Outstanding 6/30/76		66.20
Collected	66.20	
Outstanding 6/30/77	.00	
	<u>66.20</u>	<u>66.20</u>

1976 Farm Animal Excises

Committed for collection		1,233.50
Collected	1,070.00	
Outstanding 6/30/77	163.50	
	<u>1,233.50</u>	<u>1,233.50</u>

1969 Motor Vehicle Excises

Outstanding 6/30/76		627.92
Outstanding 6/30/77	627.92	
	<u>627.92</u>	<u>627.92</u>

1970 Motor Vehicle Excises

Outstanding 6/30/76		2,662.86
Collected	28.05	
Outstanding 6/30/77	2,634.81	
	<u>2,662.86</u>	<u>2,662.86</u>

1971 Motor Vehicle Excises

Outstanding 6/30/76		5,059.78
Collected	74.14	
Outstanding 6/30/77	4,985.64	
	<u>5,059.78</u>	<u>5,059.78</u>

1972 Motor Vehicle Excises

Outstanding 6/30/76		6,733.34
Collected	57.75	
Outstanding 6/30/77	6,675.59	
	<u>6,733.34</u>	<u>6,733.34</u>

1973 Motor Vehicle Excises

Outstanding 6/30/76		9,266.38
Collected	39.68	
Outstanding 6/30/77	9,226.70	
	<u>9,266.38</u>	<u>9,266.38</u>

1974 Motor Vehicle Excises

Outstanding 6/30/76		8,647.91
Collected	392.98	
Outstanding 6/30/77	8,254.93	
	<u>8,647.91</u>	<u>8,647.91</u>

1975 Motor Vehicle Excises

Outstanding 6/30/76		9,429.64
Committed for collection		11,242.91
Refunded		238.00
Abated	717.94	
Collected	11,813.71	
Outstanding 6/30/77	8,378.90	
	<u>20,910.55</u>	<u>20,910.55</u>

1976 Motor Vehicle Excises

Outstanding 6/30/76		51,366.62
Committed for collection		77,856.38
Refunded		3,528.28
Abated	10,053.69	
Collected	105,538.58	
Outstanding 6/30/77	17,159.01	
	<u>132,751.28</u>	<u>132,751.28</u>

1977 Motor Vehicle Excises

Committed for collection		138,574.53
Refunded		1,048.20
Abated	7,764.09	
Collected	81,145.27	

Outstanding 6/30/77	50,713.37	
	<u>139,622.73</u>	139,622.73

1973 Sewer Charges

Outstanding 6/30/76		14.18
Collected as Liens on		
'74 Real Estate	14.18	
Outstanding 6/30/77	<u>.00</u>	
	14.18	14.18

1974 Sewer Charges

Outstanding 6/30/76		76.91
Collected as Liens on		
'76 Real Estate	.00	
Outstanding 6/30/77	<u>76.91</u>	
	76.91	76.91

1975 Sewer Charges

Outstanding 6/30/76		541.43
Collected as Sewer Charge	31.46	
Collected as Liens on		
'77 Real Estate	383.63	
Outstanding 6/30/77	<u>126.34</u>	
	541.43	541.43

1976 Sewer Charges

Committed for collection		9131.22
Refunded		528.00
Abated	14.18	
Collected	<u>8,590.04</u>	

Outstanding 6/30/77	1,055.00	
	<u>9,659.22</u>	9,659.22

1977 Sewer Charges

Committed for collection		16,098.57
Collected	5,351.86	
Outstanding 6/30/77	<u>10,746.71</u>	
	16,098.57	16,098.57

Miscellaneous Accounts Receivable

Outstanding 6/30/76		1,591.35
Committed for collection		4,200.17
Rescinded	458.75	
Collected	3,473.10	
Outstanding 6/30/77	<u>1,859.67</u>	
	5,791.52	5,791.52

TOTAL COLLECTIONS DURING July, 1976-June, 1977

Taxes, Excises, & Liens	\$1,677,288.98
Miscellaneous Accounts	3,473.10
Fees (Warrant & Demand)	1,225.00
Interest on all Taxes, Excises & Liens	<u>7,663.42</u>
	\$1,689,650.50

Paid to Town Treasurer	\$1,689,650.50
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Respectfully submitted,
Carl J. Peterson, Jr.
Tax & Town Collector

Town Clerk Report

Statistics

Births

Place	Boys	Girls
Holyoke	7	4
Northampton	18	11
Ware	4	2
Springfield	11	17
Greenfield	1	1
Belchertown	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>
	42	35

Marriages

	Male	Female
Resident	51	56
Non-Resident	<u>33</u>	<u>28</u>
	84	84
Married at:	No.	
Belchertown	37	
Out of Town	<u>47</u>	
	84	

Total Births Recorded in Belchertown—77

Deaths

Recorded in Belchertown—46

Males-30, Females-16

Resident-42, Non-Resident-4

Place of Death	No.
Belchertown	10
Palmer	8
Ware	13
Northampton	2
Springfield	4
Holyoke	3
Westfield	1
Greenfield	1
Spencer	1
West Springfield	1
Ware	2
	46



Financial

Receipts	Amount	No. Items
Sporting Licenses (Gross)	\$ 8,489.05	1051
Dog Licenses (Gross)	4,613.00	1221
B-M-D Certified Copies	434.00	217
B-M-D Abstract Copies	22.00	22
Marriage Intentions	308.00	77
U.C.C. & Terminations	627.00	135
Sale of Zoning Maps & By-Laws	63.00	63
Federal Liens	18.00	6
Pole Location Orders	60.00	18
Registration to Store Fuel	11.50	23
Registration & Discontinu- ance of Business	14.50	16
Sale of Subdivisions	15.00	15
Sale of Master Plans	16.00	4
Sale of Street Lists	29.00	29
Filing Fees-Subdivisions	350.00	2
Hearing Fees-Board of Appeals	405.00	27
Search and/or Copy of Records	25.00	16
Raffles & Bazaars	100.00	10
Postage & Miscellaneous	11.79	51
	15,611.84	3003

Payments to:	
Division of Fisheries & Game	\$8,265.50
County of Hampshire	4,187.05
Town of Belchertown	<u>3,159.29</u>
	15,611.84

Respectfully submitted,
Carl J. Peterson, Jr.
Town Clerk

Assessor's Report

At the risk of someone accusing us of being trite, we once again feel obligated to point out that the upward pressure on our Town was never more apparent than during Calendar Year 1977.

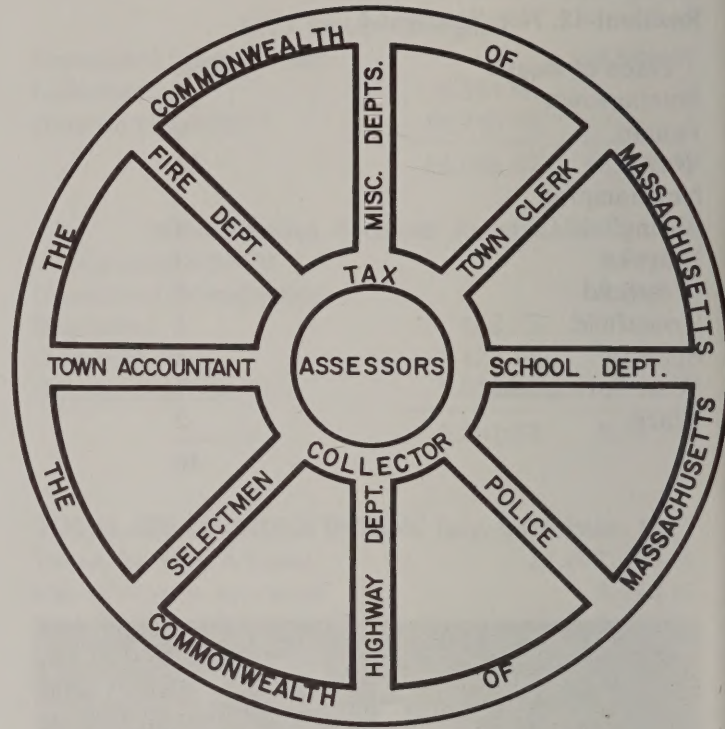
The Assessor's office was besieged with phone calls from individuals, realtors and lawyers checking ownership and location of property, assessed values, taxes, etc. In addition, numerous individuals visited the Assessor's office to obtain the information needed by potential buyers and sellers. The net result was the largest turnover of property in the history of Belchertown. During the period between 1 January 1977 and 31 December 1977, there was an unprecedented total of 507 property transfers valued at more than four (4) million dollars.

Needless to say, the volume of work associated with the maintenance of the Assessor's vital records and maps has doubled in the past year. In Fiscal Year 1979, beginning 1 July 1978, we will be faced with the probability of curtailing some of the services offered to the public in order to get our work done. However, we are planning to increase the number of hours worked by office personnel from 37½ hours per week to 40 hours per week in the hopes of maintaining the current level of service extended to the taxpayers and the general public with a very minimal increase in the budget.

A check of bona fide arms-length sales indicates that the assessed value of the property which sold in 1977 is only 90% of the selling price. (Our valuations are based on the revaluation as of 1 January 1976.) In other words, inflation keeps increasing the value of property at the rate of five (5) percent per year. If this rate of inflation continues, and we have every reason to believe that it will, it means that all property values will have to be updated within the next two years. One thing is certain, the many arms-length sales continue to bear out the validity and accuracy of our equalization program.

After analyzing the data we collected during the past year, we compiled a few statistics and prepared a few graphs which should be of interest to you. For example, the tax dollars needed to defray the cost of operating Belchertown during Fiscal Year 1978 came from the following sources:

	ASSESSED VALUE	PERCENT
Single-family residences	\$49,986,100.	74.0%
Multi-family residences	3,402,000.	5.0%
Commercial & Industrial property	5,898,500.	8.8%
Vacant (dry) land	5,639,200.	8.7%
Wet land	227,850.	.3%
Forest and Agricultural land (Chapt. 61 & 61A)	77,450.	.1%



The Wheel of Town Government

Personal Property	2,100,000.	3.1%
TOTAL	\$67,331,100.	100.0%

It is obvious that single-family residences continue to provide almost three-quarters of the taxes needed to operate our Town. It is also obvious that some form of property tax relief is needed. Since the Legislature continues to mandate spending programs over which we have little or no control, we recommend that you write to the appropriate legislators, demanding some form of property tax relief and/or property tax reform. To illustrate our point, the current \$26.00 tax rate can be apportioned as follows:

School costs	74%
County tax	8%
Elderly, Veterans, Widows & Blind Exemptions	4%
State Assessments	2%
Town (General) Government	12%
TOTAL	100%

The figures above tell us that the only item which you can legally reduce by Town Meeting vote is the 12% spent for General Government! The other 86% is beyond your control and must be changed by legislation.

Our problems for Fiscal Year 1979 will be further compounded by the new law pertaining to the exemp-



tions for the Elderly. Beginning with Fiscal Year 1979, people **over 70 years of age who qualify** will be allowed a \$500.00 exemption on their property tax—previously it was \$350.00. The requirements for eligibility have also been relaxed to the point where many new people will become eligible for the exemption under the new law. In our opinion, you can look for an additional one dollar impact on next year's tax rate. We still do not have all of the details surrounding the new law. However, we expect to have some specific information on this subject prior to the mailing of the tax bills in April. At that time, we plan to send out a memorandum explaining the law in detail.

The efforts to cure the ills associated with the excise tax bills, in our estimation, have been a failure. There is legislation proposed which would solve the problem and make the Assessor's work much simpler. If it becomes law, there will be many unhappy car owners. This legislation proposes a flat \$50.00 a year fee for all makes of cars, regardless of age, size, condition or value. There would not be any abatements or refunds. There again, we are trying to alert you, to see that you write to your legislators if you will be unhappy with such a law.

With the rapid increase in growth, we see our economic and social problems intensifying, and there are some serious problems to solve. Whether you accept it or not, we as Assessors are an important part of the community and we are doing our level best to generate integrity. As a Town function alone, we are simply one of the pieces but together with other Town departments, we represent a multitude of talents. Yet collectively, at this point, we do not have the degree of cooperation and the expertise which is so sorely needed to cope with the pressures of growth.

We in the Assessor's office have made tremendous strides to get our house in order in preparation for what's coming within the next five to ten years. In this respect, an occasional comment is heard as to the necessity for computerizing all of the Assessor's

records. Our thinking is based on the following rationalizations:

Revaluation (equalization) contracts only plug a leak in the dyke.

Conventional forms of equalization **assume** that it is possible to keep up with changing values, but nowhere in conventional forms is there time to collect data.

Escalating values and proliferation of parcels; the need for analyzing data; the requirement for updating the changes of a dynamic real estate market and the demands by the State Tax Division for more and comprehensive reports make the task of keeping current, accurate records by the conventional method a virtual impossibility. It would take one man one year to calculate what the computer can accomplish in one minute.

In the near future, the United States will convert all units of measure to the metric system. Some surveys and deeds in Hampshire County are already being recorded in metric measurements. When the time comes, the computer could be used to quickly convert all of our property records from the American foot, rod, chain, link and mile to the metric system without the computational errors that would intrude if the task were performed manually.

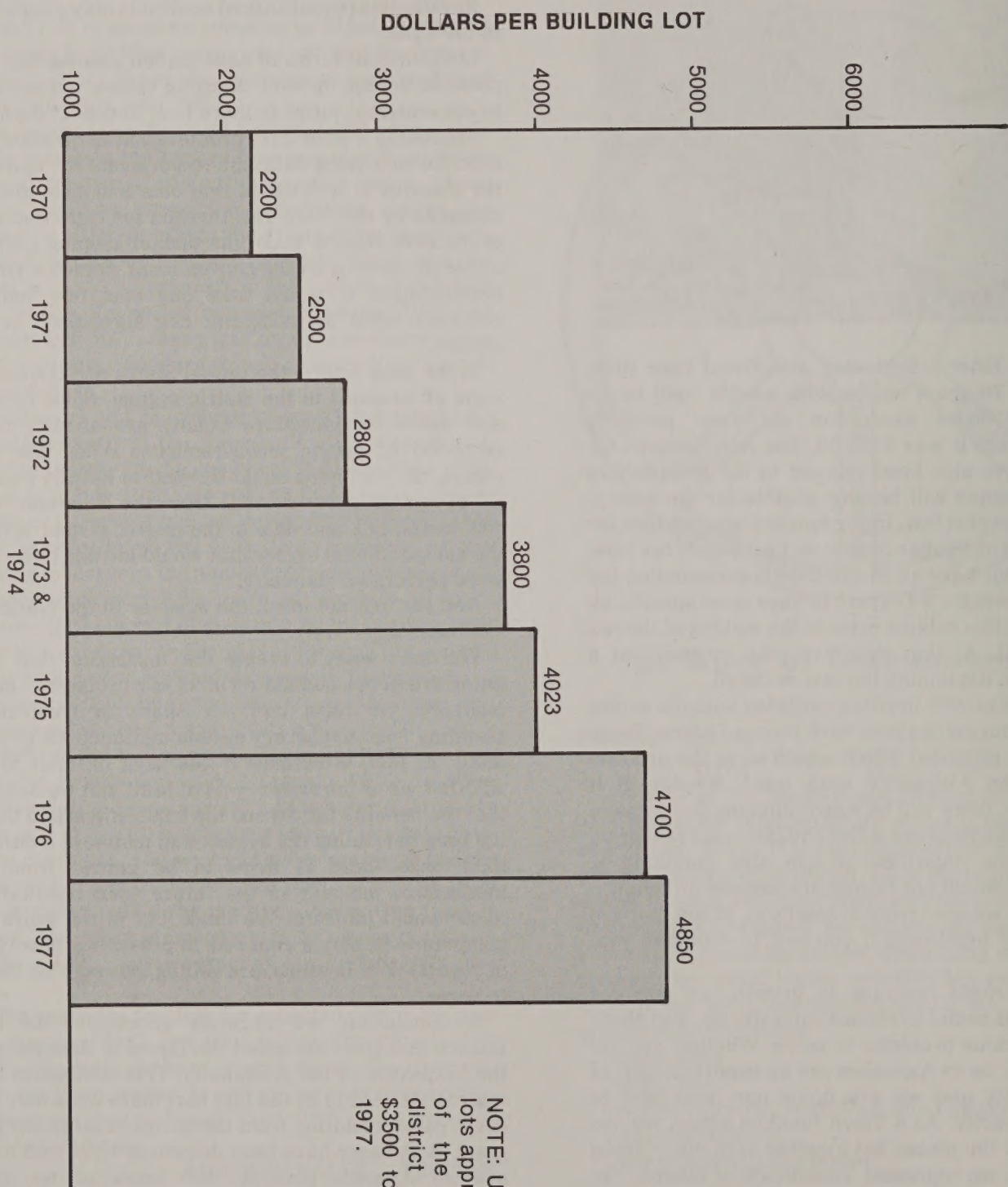
And last but not least, the monster in the black box evaluates objectively.

We don't want to create the impression that computerization has eliminated all of our problems. On the contrary, we have had our share of frustrations resulting from temporary system malfunctions or data input. In fact, sometimes it has been difficult to tell whether we or the system was at fault. But we do know that the benefits far exceed the frustrations and that if we keep perfecting the system and maintain a current data base there is more to be gained from the mechanical monster in the future than calculations alone would indicate. We think that in ten years the computer will play a vital role in presenting new types of reports. We, in effect, are setting the stage for things to come.

In conclusion, we sincerely appreciate the confidence and trust accorded the Board of Assessors by the taxpayers of the community. This confidence and trust is attested to by the fact that there were only two court cases resulting from the entire revaluation program. Both cases have been dispensed with, and there are no Appeals pending. We know of no other Assessors who have had such complete support of the taxpayers. Please accept our thanks.

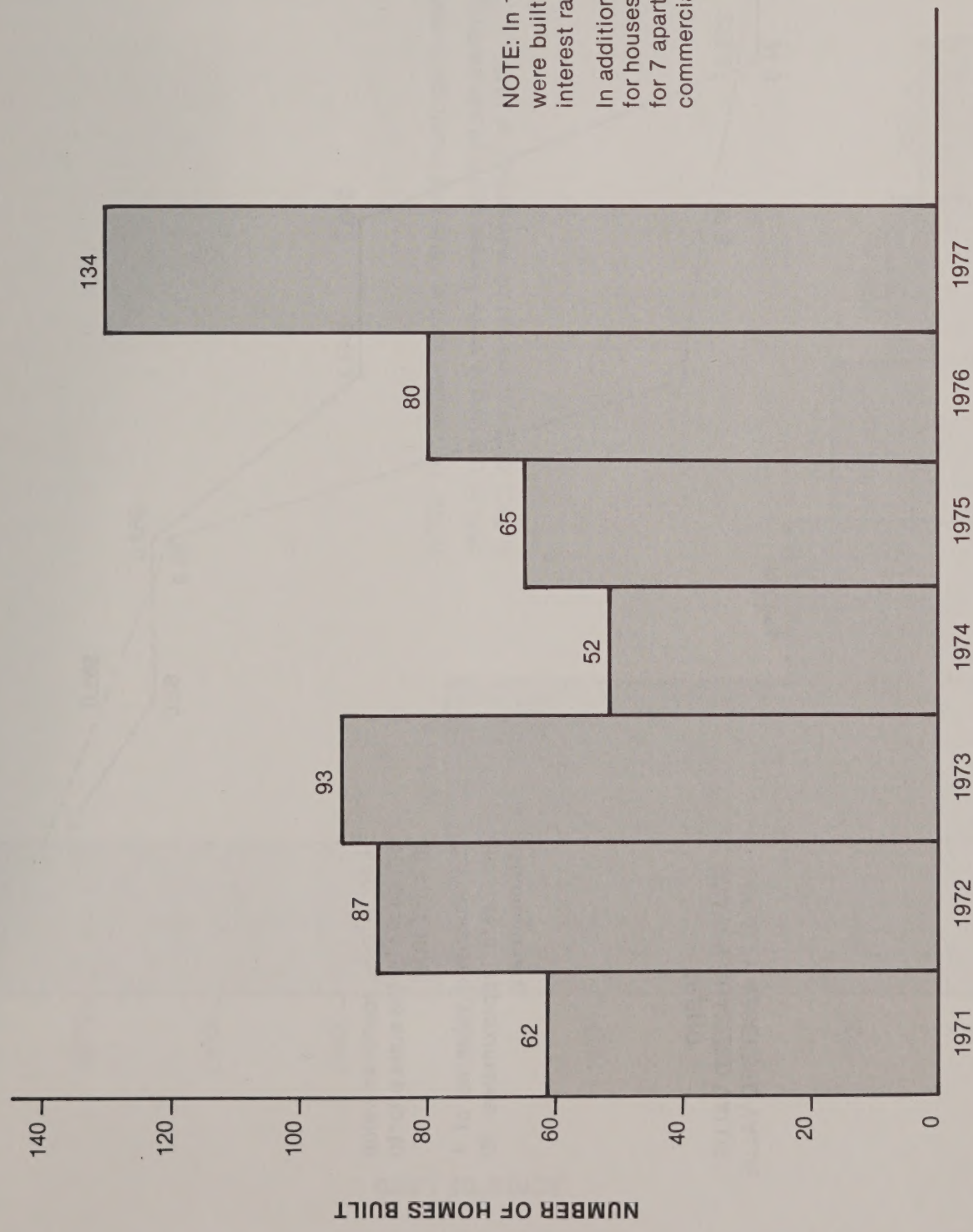
BOARD OF ASSESSORS
Samuel J. Joyal, Chairman
Walter L. Papp
Edward O. Lofland

AVERAGE SELLING PRICE OF UNDEVELOPED BUILDING LOTS



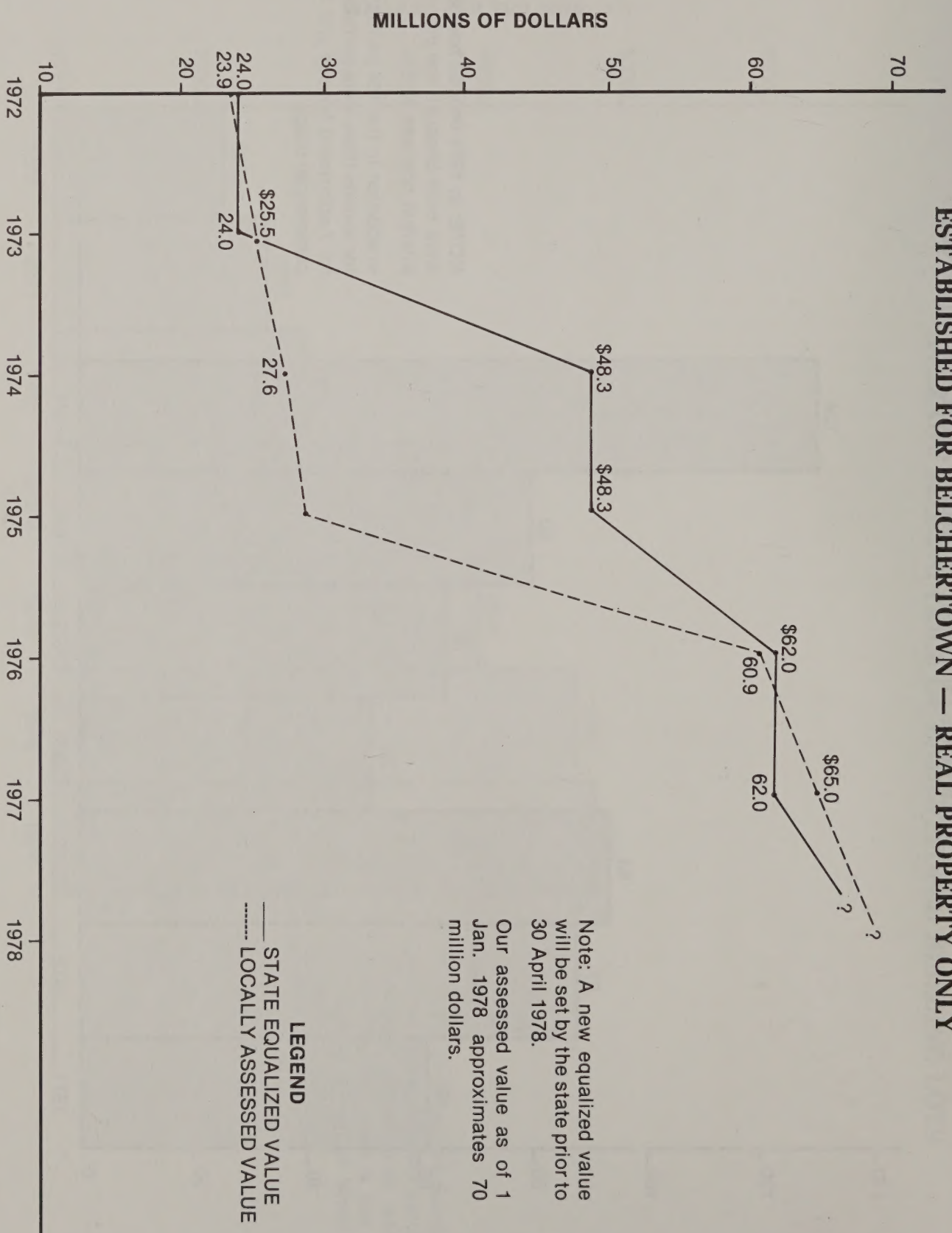
NOTE: Undeveloped Building lots approx. one acre outside of the sewer and water district sold from a low of \$3500 to a high of \$6600 in 1977.

CONSTRUCTION OF SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCES



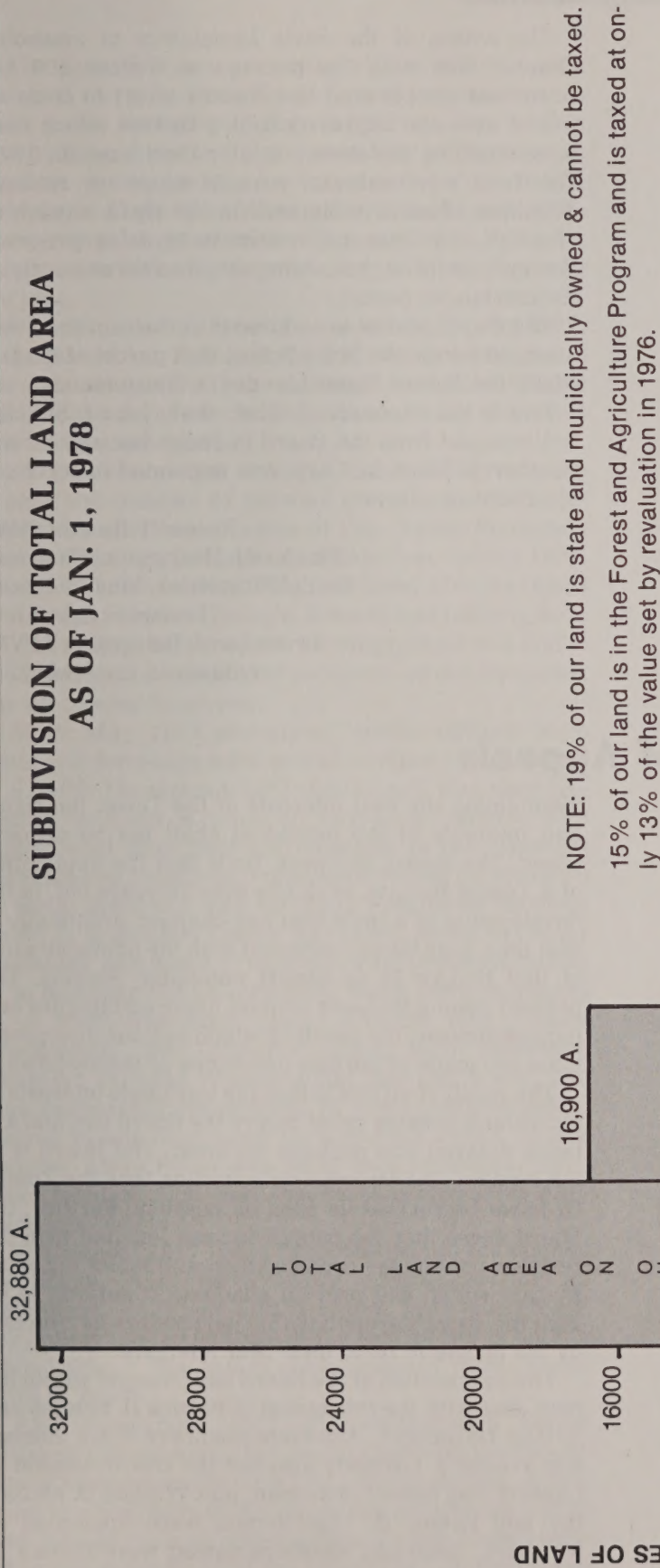
NOTE: In 1974 only 52 homes were built because the prime interest rate was 12.5%.
In addition to the 134 permits for houses there were permits for 7 apartment houses and 3 commercial bldgs.

ASSESSED VALUE COMPARED WITH STATE EQUALIZED VALUE ESTABLISHED FOR BELCHERTOWN — REAL PROPERTY ONLY



Note: A new equalized value will be set by the state prior to 30 April 1978.
Our assessed value as of 1 Jan. 1978 approximates 70 million dollars.

SUBDIVISION OF TOTAL LAND AREA AS OF JAN. 1, 1978



Planning Board

The workload of the Planning Board continues to keep pace with the rapid growth of the Town. Whereas the Board met 17 times in 1976, it met 26 times last year during which the number of necessary public hearings increased from 6 to 10. To meet this additional pressure the Board employed the able, part-time services of Steve Lanphear and Larry Smith who were particularly helpful in verifying the exacting details of subdivision control which takes so much of the Board's time.

During the year three subdivisions were approved: Fox Run Farm for Richard Lambert; Stadler Street for George Jackson and Heritage Drive for Hubert Greene. Three other applications are pending and one was withdrawn. The Board ran into so many difficulties with incomplete and inaccurate subdivision plans which invariably created greater costs to the Town, that a new policy was adopted. Under its terms a developer must agree to pay for all additional engineering costs due to errors in his plans or else have a faulty plan rejected. Also the amount of any required performance bond was tentatively set at \$3000 per lot, with possible variations upwards or downwards depending on conditions.

The action of the State Legislature in amending Chapter 40A with the passage of Section 808 has somewhat complicated the Board's effort to come up with a new and improved Zoning By-Law which must be adopted by the town not later than June 30, 1978. The Town's refusal, last year, to adopt any realistic definition of such terms used in the By-Law (such as "family", for instance) continues to delay progress. However, work is proceeding on schedule as nearly as circumstances permit.

The Board wishes to endorse the efforts of the Town to acquire from the State School that parcel of land on which the former Superintendent's house stands.

Due to the demands of other work, John J. Sullivan 3rd resigned from the Board in December and former member, William M. Cary, was appointed to serve out Mr. Sullivan's term.

Respectfully submitted,
Stanford J. Harrington, Chairman
Daniel Fitzpatrick, Vice-Chairman
Donald S. Cole, Clerk
Bruno Land, Delegate to LPVPC
William M. Cary, Member

Board of Appeals

The Board of Appeals considered 26 matters during 1977, an increase from 15 in 1976, but somewhat less than the 31 in 1975. The workload for these 3 years is the highest in the history of the Board. While a 3-year period does not necessarily serve as a basis for future workload predictions, it would appear that the Board's activities will continue at a similar pace, considering the town's present growth rate.

The Board of Appeals is named for one of its functions, namely that of hearing appeals by persons aggrieved by an order or decision of some administrative official, such as a building inspector. However, the Board has not been concerned with such matters in 1977. The entire caseload consisted of applications for 17 special permits, as for gravel removal, construction of dwellings in excess of one-family, etc., and 9 variances from provisions of the Zoning By-Laws, such as for property uses not permitted in a specified district or relief from set-back and density requirements.

The authority of the Board is derived from state law and the Town's Zoning By-Laws, particularly the latter insofar as particular requests and applications are concerned. The Board, of necessity, must exercise a certain amount of discretion and judgment in reaching its decisions so as to conform with the standards of the enabling legislation. The Board feels a strong sense of responsibility in carrying out its functions so that in

maintaining the best interests of the Town, the rights and interests of the individual shall not be compromised. The Board, however, finds that the application of a Zoning By-Law, basically over 20 years old, to the development of a town that has changed drastically in that time, puts those concerned with the administration of that By-Law in an almost untenable position. The present Zoning By-Laws contain many ambiguities and inconsistencies, the result of which various interpretations are made of certain provisions of the By-Laws.

The result of all this is that the legitimate interests of individuals seeking relief before the Board can and are being delayed and perhaps defeated. The Board is of the opinion and strongly recommends that the Zoning By-Laws be revised as soon as possible. Further, the Board urges that the people become familiar with the revision now under consideration and enact a Zoning By-Law which will provide adequate standards to insure the Town's growth within parameters determined by the people to be in their best interests.

The composition of the Board has changed within the past year with the retirement of Patrick D. Kamins and Arthur Davenport. Associate members Peter Adzima and Walter J. Carmody also left the Board. Donald R. Laporte was named chairman, and William D. McCarthy and Robert B. MacPherson were appointed as members. Associate members named were Patrick D. Kamins and E. Dale Cox.

Council on Aging

The Council's services initiated during 1976 as a result of the town-wide Needs Survey continued to be their major concerns during 1977. Nutrition, health, and transportation services demand the most extensive funding from various sources; while Outreach, Telephone Visitation, Information and Referral with many related supportive services, activities, and trips serve a needed and vital role—but with less financial backing.

No new areas of service were added during 1977. The Council on Aging feels that the present multi-services being offered are adequate; and though these will expand as needs dictate, no new areas of service are being contemplated.

1977 has seen two projects which will greatly increase the number of persons 60 and over living in Belchertown. The expansion of Pine Valley Plantation and the new single family dwellings has, during 1977, brought 76 new seniors to Belchertown. Also the Board of Appeals permit to Berezin, Berezin and Doherty for a 60 unit elderly-handicapped housing project will add to the number of residents 60 and over—probably during the up-coming fiscal year.

Since May 1975 seventy-six senior citizens have died, and forty-nine have moved to other communities.

STAFF: Throughout 1977 the Council was most fortunate to have a total of forty-nine persons who volunteered their time and energies to the Council's services and programs. Volunteers deliver all Meals on Wheels, drive the Van for daily Pathfinder lunches, assist at bi-monthly Center luncheons, serve as Center hostesses, and assist at monthly blood pressure clinics.

In mid-year the Co-Directors' hours were increased to a thirty-five hour week. Also in July, Jeanne Wadsworth, the Council's CETA Staff Assistant, resigned; Douglas Warner filled this CETA slot, and was temporarily transferred to Town (Anti-recession) Payroll in late September for about six weeks. In late October Mary Peeso was hired as a temporary part-time Nutrition Aide, her wages also coming from Anti-Recession monies.

Throughout 1977 Helen MacPhee served the Council as Senior Aide being solely responsible for all Telephone Visitation and, together with volunteers, serving as Center hostess and acting as the "Center's Man Friday." Her salary comes entirely from federal Title IX funds.

Also throughout 1977 the Belchertown Senior Citizens' Center Assn., Inc. contracted with the University of Massachusetts for a Work-Study student. A contract in which 80% of the wages are paid by the U of M and 20% by the host organization. Shelley Modell served in this capacity until the end of May. In September



Diane Pinkey was employed to fill this Work-Study position. The Work-Study staff person works an average of 15 hours a week with Outreach the major responsibility.

FUNDING SOURCES: The Council on Aging does not rely solely on the Town of Belchertown appropriated funds for its services and programs. The Council's Town budget for FY 78 in amount of \$18,180 covered Co-Directors' wages, lease of quarters, and a portion of transportation and operating costs. Anti-recession monies received by the Town were used for wages of the Council's Staff Assistant upon expiration of the CETA slot in September.

The B.S.C.C.A., Inc. formed "to financially support services and programs of the Belchertown Council on Aging" finances Meals on Wheels service (exclusive of wages), Center luncheons, Work-Study salary, trips, and activities. It derives its funds from direct payment for services and programs by participating seniors and from certain specific fund raising projects. The Association also maintains a separate General Fund Savings Account, comprised of donations and general fund raising monies, for capital equipment purchase which during 1977 included a public address system for the Center and an improved folding step for the Van.

Federal Title IX monies were used in amount of \$2,964 during 1977 for the salary of the Council's Senior Aide.

A grant in amount of \$1,125 (federal share) from Title III of the Older Americans Act paid for a sizable portion of the Council's transportation costs during 1977. Title III funds also make possible legal aid to Belchertown residents 60 and over through the Elderly Project Attorney, Mary Ellen McCarthy. Quaboag Valley Visiting Nurse Assn. has also received a Title III grant in excess of \$2,000 for Home Health services to Belchertown residents 60 and over; these monies to be

used only when other sources of funding for home health care are exhausted.

Title XX of the Social Security Act has provided Homemaker and Homechore services in amount of \$21,115 to 23 Belchertown residents 60 and over.

Belchertown receives Title III funds and Title XX services through the Holyoke-Chicopee Regional Home Care Corp.

NUTRITION: Meals on Wheels has continued five days a week for the past year. This service, started in 1976, enables persons—no age restrictions—who are unable to prepare adequate nutritious meals to receive one hot, well-balanced meal. The service is financed by the individual recipient plus donations. The Town pays the cook who prepares the meals at the Center. Meals on Wheels are delivered by volunteers who not only deliver the meals, but visit and give some cheer to an otherwise lonely day.

The Council supplied transportation to the Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School daily for the elderly hot meal service which Pathfinder provides to the participating towns. In 1977 Pathfinder received a special grant and was able to service the senior citizens for seven weeks during the summer. Many seniors from our community have their own transportation and avail themselves of this service in addition to those transported by the Council.

The bi-monthly congregate luncheon at the Center, started two years ago, was still very popular. Volunteers prepare the food, set and wait on tables and clean up. Guest speakers and educational programs were planned for many of these luncheons.

The Thanksgiving Dinner, organized last year, was again well received in 1977. Groups and individuals gave financial support plus active cooperation. In 1977 our family grew to 41 and 15 received home delivered meals.

The Christmas season, which can be so sad for some, was made, we hope, a little brighter by visits from volunteers from the Center. Also many people who were going to be alone or unable to prepare a dinner on Christmas Day received a visit and dinner—thanks to numerous concerned and interested residents.

HEALTH: The monthly blood pressure clinic was a very important service of the Council. Pathfinder nursing students, under the direction of Louise Lucy, RN, played an important role at these clinics. During the summer vacation Clare Oberly with volunteer RN's performed these services.

In 1977 we recognized the difficulty some people were having in getting to the Center for the clinic—so we commenced going to them. We were fortunate to have the volunteer services of Mrs. Nancy White, RN and Mrs. Mary Laforge, RN who went out on Thursday mornings to shut-ins for blood pressure checks and friendly visits.

Speech reading was a new health service started in 1977. We are fortunate to be near the U of M and able to use their facilities. Personnel from the Communications Disorders Clinic at the U of M came to the Center every Wednesday to teach our seniors lip reading. They also arranged an audiology testing for them at the University. This was all free of charge. Approximately 20 persons availed themselves of this service.

Preventive health is so very important and our 1977 Health Fair was aimed toward this goal. Services offered included Hematocrits, Blood Pressure, a Diabetic Teaching Nurse, Dr. Brent Spears on health Maintenance, CPR exercises for cardiac patients.

During the month of October the flu vaccine was given; the Board of Health donated the vaccine and syringes. Dr. Kenneth Collard gave the injections to residents at Everett Acres, and Dr. Brent Spears gave of his time at the Center.

The Council Staff was fortunate to be able to work so closely with the VNA, Rose Tyburski being our special contact; also with our local Dr. Collard and the new Community Health Center.

TRANSPORTATION: The arrival of the COA van in late January greatly eased the transportation problem. It reduced the number of individual cars needed for such things as Pathfinder meals, shopping trips, activities, and many in-town appointments. Center staff and four volunteers were the principal drivers of the van.

Two volunteer drivers, reimbursed at \$.14 a mile, were used for many out-of-town medical appointments. These drivers paid the cost of needed additional insurance on their vehicles. Reimbursement monies for these drivers came from Title III funds for the most part during 1977.

A staff member's car is also used daily for both in-town and out-of-town appointments. Volunteers with no financial reimbursement deliver Meals on Wheels daily; taking time at each home for a few minutes visit. Many of these people have delivered meals a day a week since the inception of the service in February 1975.

The need of transportation services increased sharply during 1977. This is due, we feel, to several factors: increased number of elderly who no longer maintain their own cars, expanded summer congregate meal service at Pathfinder, increased number of elderly who do not have resident family members to assist with transportation needs, increased number of elderly living a distance from Center of town, plus numerous other individual factors.

OUTREACH: The Outreach program continued as a source for keeping in touch and locating elders in the community who are in need of friendly visits, transportation, or federal and community services. In 1977 Diane Pinkey, a Work-Study student from the U of M

contributed to the program in addition to the continual efforts of other staff members to provide services for all senior citizens who may benefit from SSI, Food Stamps, health and nutrition services, homemaker assistance, and transportation. Outreach serves as an active and necessary attempt by the Council to provide help and friendship to all the community's senior citizens.

Telephone Visitation, another important phase of the Council's Outreach service is handled solely by Helen MacPhee. During 1977 there were 793 Friendly Calls made to elderly shut-ins. There were 116 individuals to be called. It was very gratifying to know that each call brought much happiness, and also how much each person looked forward to the calls.

ACTIVITIES AND TRIPS: The craft classes were well attended. The evening craft classes attracted the young people and the combination of age groups was stimulating. By the end of 1977 we had two evening classes each week—a macrame class was added late in the year. Craft classes are open to persons of all ages, and in several classes the instructor was paid through Adult Education. We continued bowling, firming exercises, shuffleboard and parties throughout the year.

1977, our first summer with the Van, we organized mini-trips for people who were unable to go on extended trips; giving them the opportunity to get out for a ride, enjoy the scenery in an air-conditioned van, and give them a chance to be with other people. We took trips to local museums and places of interest, and rides through Quabbin, etc.

The trips were more extensive during 1977. In the early summer 33 went on a three day trip to Cape Cod. In the fall 13 went on a seven day trip to the Bahamas. The seniors paid their own way—no town funds involved. The day long trips still continued; these included Edaville, Connecticut River Boat Trip, Eastern States, Red Sox Baseball, Salisbury Beach, and Tanglewood.

INFORMATION AND REFERRAL AND RELATED SERVICES: Information and Referral, though difficult to measure statistically, is a most relevant service. Elders were assisted with the complexities and red tape so common today in all branches of federal and private services and benefits. Specifically: Social Security, SSI, Medicare, Medicaid, private health insurance, Food Stamps, fuel assistance and winterization, plus a number of individual problems.

The services of Elderly Project Attorney, Mary Ellen McCarthy, were used in many cases; as was the assistance of Virginia Wheeler, Case Worker for Belchertown residents receiving Title XX services.

The Council, working together with the American Legion, has an ample stock of wheel chairs, walkers, commodes, crutches, etc. which were loaned—at no cost—to many Belchertown residents of all ages during 1977.

Senior Citizen ID cards were issued throughout the year to all those eligible. These cards afford bearer discounts at many local and area merchants. The Council expresses its gratitude and appreciation to all participating merchants.

New England Telephone Company provided large numeral "stick-on" dials at no cost for distribution to those with visual impairment.

Looking ahead, the Council has no plans for any new areas of service, but are united in the priority of meeting increases in existing services as the demand of increased population and need indicates.

The Council appreciates the support which they have received from local government, local organizations, and individuals; and takes this opportunity to express their thanks for your encouragement, active participation, and financial backing.

Respectfully submitted,
Clare Oberly
Louise Wadsworth
Co-Directors, Council on Aging

ANNUAL STATISTICAL REPORT

(January 1, 1977 through December 31, 1977)

I. SENIOR CITIZEN STATISTICAL PROFILE:

Age Group	No. of Males	No. of Females	No. Retired	No. Working	No. Live Alone	No. Live Others	No. to Center	No. Outreach
60-64	127	133	117	143	31	229	133	69
65-69	87	109	153	43	44	152	113	49
70-74	55	66	111	10	37	84	68	43
75-79	31	41	71	1	25	47	32	38
80-84	17	29	45	1	20	26	18	28
85-89	12	12	24	—	13	11	10	14
90 ^s	2	5	7	—	4	2	2	4
TOTAL COMMUNITY	331	395						

NURSING HOMES	4	8	
BSS	33	34	
No. MOVED	15	34	(May 1975 through Dec. 31, 1977)
No. NEW	33	43	(May 1975 through Dec. 31, 1977)
No. DIED	42	34	(May 1975 through Dec. 31, 1977)

II. 1977 COUNCIL ON AGING STATISTICAL REPORT

Statistic	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOTALS
TOTALS—Participating at Center	387	650	842	719	786	617	569	687	773	899	717	572	8218
Health Related	92	78	82	76	129	85	75	69	92	206	81	39	1104
Activities—Seminars—Programs	184	258	487	506	427	241	346	401	467	481	471	295	4564
Nutrition—inc. Luncheons	109	120	170	112	210	215	107	158	148	165	116	149	1779
First Contact—excl Outreach	4	4	8	4	20	7	6	3	9	9	7	4	85
 TOTAL NUTRITION	 379	 429	 567	 509	 626	 574	 403	 566	 556	 636	 580	 526	 6351
Pathfinder Meals—transported	71	80	112	81	135	61	92	147	135	173	114	54	1255
Meals on Wheels	199	229	283	307	281	298	224	282	273	298	333	323	3330
Seminars—Classes—Counsel	—	—	2	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	11
 TOTAL TRANSPORTATION—Van & Private Car	 127	 222	 275	 232	 287	 306	 399	 335	 336	 399	 345	 269	 3532
VAN—Pathfinder—Nutrition	—	80	112	81	135	61	92	147	135	173	114	54	1184
Activities—Center & Area	—	31	49	61	57	86	163	59	30	98	71	20	725
Shopping & Trips	—	19	27	38	37	79	76	58	104	54	105	65	662
Other	—	—	15	—	8	12	22	25	—	6	—	28	116
PRIVATE CAR—Medical Related	34	50	46	33	30	51	46	40	51	47	36	49	513
Mental Health Related	6	8	4	11	2	13	2	6	8	17	10	8	95
Nutrition Related	71	20	4	7	7	—	—	—	—	4	9	5	127
Other	16	14	18	1	11	4	—	—	8	—	—	—	72
 TOTAL OUTREACH CONTACTS	 25	 69	 85	 135	 77	 62	 38	 40	 43	 75	 57	 163	 869
Home Health—Staff	—	23	28	29	31	28	22	25	27	25	21	21	280
Home Support—Staff	—	11	13	19	11	8	4	5	4	9	11	14	109
Home Visits—Volunteers & Staff	15	27	37	83	33	24	11	9	8	28	23	128	426
First Contacts	10	8	7	4	2	2	1	1	4	14	2	—	55
 TELEPHONE VISITATION—Senior Aide	 61	 51	 132	 90	 49	 59	 19	 3	 74	 76	 70	 109	 793
 INFORMATION & REFERRAL—													
Personal Contact	4	9	17	11	9	11	21	17	11	7	19	27	163
Telephone	17	19	21	17	32	22	19	30	37	14	21	14	263
Follow-up Work	11	6	12	13	6	13	22	9	7	7	11	6	123
 HOME CARE—Title XX Referrals	 0	 1	 4	 2	 2	 3	 3	 3	 2	 1	 3	 1	 27
 SPECIAL TRIPS	 0	 0	 1	 0	 1	 1	 1	 4	 3	 2	 1	 1	 15
 VOLUNTEERS	 18	 19	 20	 30	 35	 16	 20	 19	 22	 26	 30	 49	 49
 VOLUNTEER HOURS	 117	 118	 118	 195	 140	 168	 185	 96	 100	 139	 128	 152	 1656

Respectfully submitted,
Clare Oberly
Louise Wadsworth

Industrial Development Commission

The I.D.C. spent most of the spring preparing a packet for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. This packet is to be kept on file in Boston.

From spring until late fall, the Commission was inactive. There were several new appointments made in October. Meetings are now taking place on the first Wednesday of each month.

Respectfully submitted,
Edward H. Parker, Chairman
Owens Taylor
Michael J. Geser
Gregory Dillard
Peter G. Burton

Personnel Board

In its second year of operation the Board has continued to review the current compensation and classification schedule of the By-Law. In the past year the Board has assigned several new employees to proper classification within the By-Law.

The Board met once this year for the purpose of a hearing under the Grievance provision of the By-Law.

The Board wishes to thank all those involved with the Board for their continual cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,
JoAnn Gavin, Chairperson
Howard Atkins
George Greule, Clerk

Historical Commission

The Belchertown Historical Commission has continued to work on the survey of historic sites and buildings of historical or architectural significance. This survey is a requirement of the Massachusetts Historical Commission for preservation planning on the local, state and federal level. After all areas, buildings, structures, and cemeteries have been submitted and an onsite review has been made by the state commission, the local commission may begin to make recommendations for the nomination of buildings to the National Register or areas as National Historic Districts.

This commission applied for a CETA employee to conduct the basic historical research and to complete survey forms for submission to the Massachusetts Historical Commission. John W. Cox of South Hadley was appointed to this position in May 1977 and will work for the commission until May 1978 when all basic research is expected to be completed. Mr. Cox has done a commendable job in attempting to establish local legend as fact when there are few records for documentation.

Belchertown Historical Commission
Gerald G. Tremaine, Chairman
Helen F. Lister
Keith Bettencourt
Shirley A. Bock
Suzanne Bay



Conservation Commission

1977 was an exciting and busy year for the Conservation Commission. Four new members were appointed, an associate member was added and new officers were elected. The Commission is committed to becoming an even more active and helpful group, concerned with the wise use and protection of natural resources of the Town.

To this end, the Commission has acquired its first parcel of officially designated conservation land—the Scout Camp property on Daniel Shay's Highway. Town CETA employees have cleared hiking trails on the 35 acre tract and a bridge across Jabish Brook will be completed this spring. This area is open to the public for hiking, birding, snowshoeing, picnicing and other similar activities. The Conservation Commission will conduct nature walks and other programs on this beautiful land in the spring. Other areas in Town of natural beauty will be used for programs and the Commission hopes that, through an active land acquisition program, a variety of areas will become available for the use and enjoyment of town residents.

Administration of the Wetlands Protection Act, popularly known as the Hatch Act, has taken a large part of the Commission's time. Wetlands are extremely valuable for their role in flood control, for ground water supply, as wildlife habitat, and for scenic beauty. The law requires that plans for any building or landscaping work which may affect wetlands must be reviewed by the Conservation Commission. Residents anticipating such work should contact the Commission.

The Commission has made numerous on-site inspections, held public hearings, granted clearances and processed related state forms. Problems have previously been encountered because the Commission was not informed of proposed wetland alterations during the planning stages. In the future the Commission looks forward to improved communication and cooperation with other town boards in order to help make appropriate plans for wetlands.

Other activities this past year include:

- Reviewing several proposals for mapping the wetlands in Town.
- Communication with State and U.S. Congressmen regarding U.S. Environmental Protection Agency rules affecting our town.
- Assisting in the development of the town's Open Space and Recreation Land Master Plan.
- Meeting with other town boards and county conservation agencies.
- Planning and developing nature and environmental programs for the public enjoyment.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard DeGraaf, Chairman
Alice Kuc, Secretary/Treasurer
Louis Laframboise
George Leclerc
Marcia Walker
John Besse
Pat Guild
Gary Taylor, Associate

Maintenance Dept

The Maintenance Department had a very busy and productive year during 1977. The Department's wages were fully funded through the CETA program and Anti-recessional funds.

The Department was responsible for the maintenance and cleaning of the Town offices. The bandstand on the common was completely renovated and the storage shed at the Sanitary Landfill Area was moved and completely reconstructed. The Old Town Hall and the Town Garages were maintained and kept in top repair throughout the year. All of the athletic fields both at Parsons Field and at the schools were kept in shape and prepared for games by the Maintenance Department. All of the maintenance at the Town Beach was done by this Department also. The men spent approximately three months painting and repairing the school buildings. The Maintenance men

also aided the Highway Department by painting the crosswalks, the parking lot, and the center line on some of the roads. They also did the sidewalk snow plowing.

Plans for this Department for the 1978 year include the maintenance of all athletic fields, the maintenance and upkeep of all Town buildings, the renovation of the Finnerty House, painting of school buildings, building a Town vault, and all general repair and maintenance that becomes evident.

All public funding for this department has been exhausted and I am requesting the taxpayers of the community to support this department next year. I feel that the end result of the work done by these two men in this Department is well worth the cost of it.

Respectfully submitted,
Kenneth H. Snow
Selectman, Maintenance Liaison

Housing Authority

The Belchertown Housing Authority currently has one 48 unit housing complex in management. The project, Everett Acres, located on Everett Avenue was built and is administered under the Commonwealth of Massachusetts 667 Elderly Housing Program. The apartments are fully occupied with a waiting list of about 45 interested applicants.

Eligibility requirements for housing under the 667 program are:

A person must be at least 62 years of age at the time of application or handicapped, as defined by the Department of Community Affairs.

A net income of less than \$6,000. per year for an individual, or a net income of less than \$6,300. per year for a couple.

Rents are in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the Department of Community Affairs and are based on 25% of net income. Rents include heat, light, water, and maintenance service.

Operating costs in excess of rents are reimbursed to the Authority by the State. Our operating deficit for the current year is expected to be slightly in excess of

\$19,000. The Authority receives no funds from the Town of Belchertown.

There have been no state funds available for new construction under the 667 program for the past three year, and federal funds have been allocated primarily to the larger cities and private developers. State legislation is currently pending which, if passed, would make a limited amount of funds available for the construction of additional units under the 667 Elderly Housing Program.

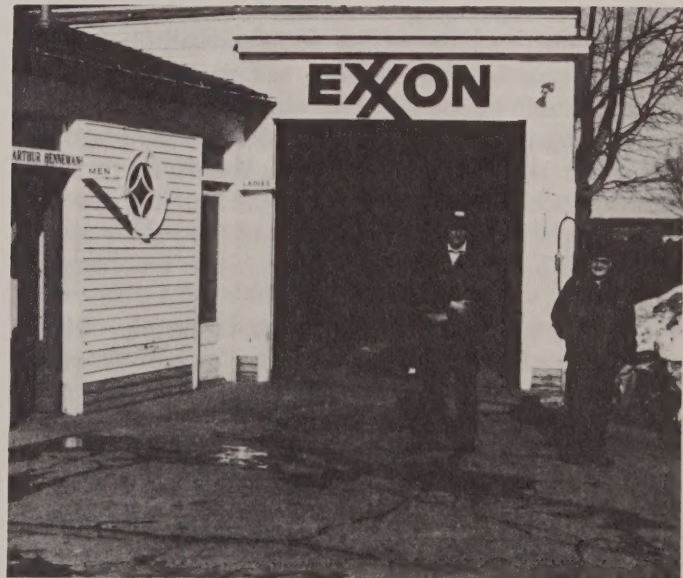
The Authority was saddened in early September by the death of member Lewis J. Austin who had served the Authority for three years as Chairman and three years as vice-chairman. His patience, understanding, wisdom, and gentle wit are missed by members, employees, and tenants of this Authority.

Respectfully submitted,
Edmund F. Wallace, Chairman
Sophia M. Pero
Arlan V. Skinner
Kenneth W. Thayer
Harvey A. Samson

Jr. Sr. High School Band Building

In June of 1977 the construction of the Band Building was put out to bid with Palazzesi Construction Company of Wilbraham submitting the low bid of \$59,593.00. Actual construction of the building started in August of 1977. At the close of 1977, the walls of the building were up and the beams were erected. The materials for the roof were en route and the Pathfinder students were scheduled to begin their phase of the construction as soon as they returned to school after Christmas vacation.

Respectfully submitted,
Band Building Committee
Edward H. Parker



Police Department Report

Message from the Chief to the Citizens of Belchertown:

The primary objective of each member of the Belchertown Police Department is to serve and protect every resident and their properties.

National as well as state statistics show that crime against persons and properties is still increasing. Belchertown is no exception. This department also has dealt with an increase in crime; but through diligent efforts of your police officers the number of solved crimes has risen. Apprehension of criminals can be credited to quick response and thorough investigations.

Our records indicate that arrests for serious crimes have increased. I credit this to the professional manner with which each officer conducts himself. With an additional full time officer, which was added to the department in January, investigations of crimes have been more extensive. Motor vehicle complaints and arrests have also increased.

Though your police department still consists of a larger number of part time officers, they do perform their duties in a commendable fashion. All members realize their duties to the citizens of Belchertown.

Drugs and alcohol are still a problem amongst our younger citizens. This past year through the sponsorship of a number of local merchants, a book entitled "A Reason for Tears" has been published and distributed to local business establishments where copies are available to interested residents. The response to this book has been favorable. For those who have not received a copy, they can be obtained at the Police Department. I feel that this book can supply parents with information that they may not be aware of.

I along with all the other members of the Department are looking forward to the time when we will be occupying our new location, which is the Finnerty home, situated between the library and the building in which we are now located. The consent of the voters to purchase the building partially for our use has been appreciated.

The only request I have this year, is that the citizens of Belchertown support my request for additional full time officers to cope with the growth of the Town. As the Town expands so do the services of this Department increase.

I do regret that we are unable to assist all citizens immediately upon request but at times officers do have to make the choice in answering calls that are of an emergency nature first. This should not be the situation, but the present number of personnel does not meet community needs. Meanwhile, alertness on the part of our citizens in reporting suspicious activities will be greatly appreciated.

In conclusion, I wish to express my thanks to all townspeople, all Departments, and Mr. Wilkes, our Liaison, for their co-operation.

Ernest M. Gay
Chief of Police

PERSONNEL

The strength of the department consists of a Chief, one full time Sergeant, one full time Patrolman, one part time Sergeant, eleven part time Patrolmen and two Policewomen.

Officer Paul Austin resigned as a part time patrolman this year, after many years of devoted service. Officer Roman Kucinski was added as a part time patrolman.

Officer Ernest M. Gay, Jr. was appointed to a full time position as patrolman.

Sergeant Knight has continued his programs as Safety Officer. He has spent time at the local schools speaking on Drug Abuse and conducted drills on schoolbus evacuation.

TRAINING

Breathalyzer School—1 week—Springfield, MA

Officer Ernest M. Gay, Jr.

Holyoke Police Academy—12 weeks

Officer Ernest M. Gay, Jr.

MASSACHUSETTS ATTORNEY GENERAL'S

Drug Investigation Course—2 weeks

Officer Ernest M. Gay, Jr.

Uniform Crime Reporting Training Seminar

Chief Ernest M. Gay, Officer Patricia Antonovitch

DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES

Complaints	2,613
Accidents Investigated	332
Doors and windows (found open)	562
House checks	413
Protective Custody	29
Fatal Accidents	2
Ambulance Trips and Emergency Runs	306



1977 COURT OFFENSES

Forcible Rape	5	No Stickers	27
Robbery (Unarmed)	1	No License	52
Aggravated Assault	6	No Registration	40
Burglary (Breaking & Entering)	12	Defective Equipment	22
Larceny (Except Auto)	23	Speeding	429
Larceny-Auto	1	Driving to Endanger	28
Use of Car w/o Authority	4	Driving under the Influence	41
Allowing Improper Person to Operate	2	Disorderly Conduct	2
Assault	12	Liquor Law	4
Forgery	7	Fish and Game Violations	13
Stolen Property	3	Failing to License Dog	109
Homicide Motor Vehicle	1	Juvenile Cases (Including 14 B&E)	46
All Other Offenses Except Traffic	98	Failure to Stop for Police Officer	6
Stop Sign (and Lights)	131	Narcotics Violation	26
Operation After Suspension	1		
		TOTAL CASES	1152

Fire Department Report

As Fire Chief and Forest Warden, I hereby submit the following for the annual report of the Fire Department:

Responses for assistance totaled 173 for the year 1977, reflecting an increase of 25 calls.

Building fires—36 (down 9 from '76)
 Chimney fires—9 (down 11 from '76)
 Mobile home fires—0 (down 2 from '76)
 Vehicle fires—26 (down 3 from '76)
 Vehicle accident victim rescues—2 (down 1 from '76)
 Rescues (Other than vehicle)—2
 Utility poles and wires—9 (up 6 from '76)
 Dump runs—1 (down 1 from '76)
 Forest and grass fires—40 (up 1 from '76)
 False alarms—11 (up 5 from '76)
 Investigations (silent runs)—36
 Mutual aid received—3
 Mutual aid rendered—2
 Search for missing persons—1 (down 2 from '76)
 Total estimated loss to buildings—\$43,700.00
 Total estimated loss for contents—\$29,250.00
 Total estimated loss for vehicles—\$31,525.00
 Other interesting statistics are:
 Total miles responding to and from fires—848 (up 97 miles)
 Total hours of fire suppression—168.24 (up 29.79)
 Total man hours of fire suppression—2,770 (up 587.21)
 Average member response to calls—49.14 (up 1.14%)

Several categories are showing a decrease in the number of calls for which we are most grateful. Hopefully this would indicate a better attitude toward fire prevention. However, there has been for the month

of January, '78 (not shown in this report) quite an increase in the number of calls for chimney fires. This could be due to several factors; the ever increasing number of people using wood for fuel—burning green wood which contributes to poor combustion resulting in heavy creosote build-ups in smoke pipes and chimneys—and also improper installations. Hopefully this trend will not continue.

I am happy to announce that in our ranks we now have twenty-nine members certified in Advanced First Aid and C.P.R., plus four auxiliary members. The Firefighters' Association recent purchase of "Resussi-Anne" was a great asset to this course. Many thanks to instructors Michael Hayward, member, and Robert Hislop, auxiliary member. We also have one member who is registered to attend Para-Medic School. I strongly feel that this training has improved our efforts in rescue calls and has been of great benefit to the victims.

Training has continued throughout the year in all areas of firefighting and rescue techniques. This past Fall, twenty-five members participated in an all-day school consisting of a morning session of class room studies and the afternoon devoted to fighting gas fires. Areas covered L.P. and Propane gases. We are indebted to Lieut. Joseph Gervais of the Ware Fire Department for devoting a full day of his time in conducting this school, and to Mr. Ernest Osterman of the Arrow Gas Co. for his generosity in supplying us with gas for the fire drills, two of his delivery vehicles with man power, plus a visit to his gas plant on So. Washington St. Thanks are also extended to Lt. David Hodgen and his auxiliary group and to Assistant Chief

BELCHERTOWN, MASSACHUSETTS

Settled—1731

Incorporated—1763

Hampshire County

GENERAL INFORMATION

Elections—2nd Monday in April

Zip Code—01007

Tax Rate:

General \$ 6.81

School 19.19

\$26.00/\$1000

Appropriations—1st Monday in April

Town Hall Hours: Monday-Friday 8:30-5:00

School Population: 1977-1978

Elementary 731

Junior High 242

Senior High 350

1323

Assessed Valuation

1976

1977

Real Estate

\$60,943,010.00

Personal Property

2,471,860.00

\$63,414,860.00

Real Estate

\$65,231,100.00

Personal Property

\$2,482,270.00

\$67,713,370.00

Population 1975 State Census—6,361

Registered Voters:

Precinct A—American	1
Republican	503
Democratic	916
Independent	<u>1467</u>
	2887

Precinct B—Republican	37
Democratic	140
Independent	<u>207</u>
	384

Elevation: 613 ft. above sea level at Lawrence Memorial Hall

Land Area: 56.7 sq. miles

Water Area: 1,859.8 acres

Road Mileage: 107.32 (excluding state highways)

Highways: Routes 9, 21, 181, U.S. 202

Major Bodies of Water: Quabbin Reservoir,
Lakes Metacomet, Arcadia, Holland;
Knight's Reservoir

Major Streams: Swift River, Jabish, Broad,
Lampson, Bachelor, Hop, Scarboro, and
Roaring Brook.

U.S. Senators

Edward M. Kennedy
Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C.

Edward W. Brooke
Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C.

U.S. Representative

Silvio O. Conte
House Office Building
Washington, D.C.

State Senator

Robert W. Wetmore
Hubbardston Road
Barre, Massachusetts

State Representative

James R. Nolen
Ware, Massachusetts

County Commissioners

Office—Court House, Northampton, Massachusetts

David B. Musante
29 Forest Glen Drive
Florence, Massachusetts

Paul R. Dineen
96 Pittroff Avenue
South Hadley, Massachusetts

Robert J. Garvey
51 Blue Hills Road
Amherst, Massachusetts

County Officers

Judge of Probate & Insolvency
Hon. John Dunphy

Register of Probate & Insolvency
Frank E. Tuit II

Register of Deeds
Robert F. Czeluniak

Clerk of Courts
Salvatore A. Polito

District Attorney—Northwestern District

John M. Callahan
64 Woodbridge Terrace
South Hadley, Massachusetts

Sheriff
John F. Boyle

County Treasurer
William F. O'Connor

Belchertown Water District Commissioners:

Harry L. Brougham
David G. Hodgen
Donald F. Bock

Clapp Memorial Library Winter Hours:

Tuesday	9-12; 1-5; 6:30-9
Thursday	9-12; 1-5
Friday	2-5; 6:30-9
Saturday	2-5

Donald Bock and his Junior Auxiliary boys for the many devoted hours spent at the station. Their combined efforts are an investment in pre-trained future firefighters for this Department.

We are also grateful to the Board of Selectmen, who by their efforts were able to obtain a 4 wheel drive Army vehicle for our Department. This truck will be converted and outfitted by the Firefighters Assoc. for future forest fire work. The long awaited air compressor has been received and installed and has seen considerable service to date. It is most useful in refilling the Scott Air Packs after use at fires and also for drill purposes.

I wish to extend my thanks to the members of this Department for their devoted responses to the call of fire, assistance and cooperation. To the Police Department, the Board of Selectmen, M.D.C. and Quabbin Fish Hatchery, the telephone operators at the Belchertown State School for services rendered on a 24 hour-a-day basis in receiving fire calls or related problems. I would be remiss not to mention the generous support of the tax payer at the appropriations meeting, and also the many people who support our annual raffle.

Respectfully submitted,
Raymond R. Menard,
Fire Chief and Forest Fire Warden

Report of the Sealer of Weights and Measures

To: Selectmen of the Town of Belchertown
Tested and Sealed—January 1, 1977-December 31, 1977.

Scales over 10,000 lbs.	3
Scales 100 lbs. to 5,000 lbs.	6
Scales under 100 lbs.	20
Avoirdupois Weights	14
Gasoline Pumps	45
Grease Pumps	9
Cloth Measuring devices	4
Yard Sticks	9
Wood, Fire Wood	10

I have collected and turned over to the Town Treasurer fees amounting to \$242.55.

Respectfully submitted,
Royal K. Gay, Sealer

Belchertown Fire Dept. Personnel

Fire Chief	Raymond R. Menard
Assistant Chief	Donald F. Bock
Deputy Chief	Carl J. Peterson Jr.
Deputy Chief	Louis E. Fuller
Captain	Harry Brougham
Lieutenant	David Hodgen
Lieutenant	Samuel Joyal
Lieutenant	Edward Fuller
Lieutenant	Hugh Hubbard Jr.

Members

Royal Gay	Herbert Wood
Edward Gates	Richard Knight
Irving Hislop	Raymond Peeso
William Shattuck	David Auclair
Kenneth J. Thayer	Paul Greene
John Ribeiro	Roy Reece, Jr.
Thomas Fuller	George Gruele
Benjamin Williams	Robert Anderson
Albert Dewhurst	Walter Newth
Richard McGinnis	Michael Hayward
Gordon Hodge	Larry Bathelette

State School Operators

Helen Gaudreau	Bernadette Fountain
Margaret Dudrick	Genevieve Rusiecki
Margaret Gendron	Patricia Staples
Madeline Geer	Sophie McDermott

Dog Officer Report

This is an annual report of the Dog Officer and Assistant for the year 1977.

Strays	204
Investigations	125
Dogs hit by cars	43
Found owners	64
\$10.00 Kennel Lic.	48
\$25.00 Kennel Lic.	4
\$50.00 Kennel Lic.	1
Regular Lic.	1160
People fined for unlicensed dogs	140

Respectfully Submitted,
Robert W. Chevalier
Dog Officer

Inspector of Buildings

Building

In terms of permits issued and the estimated cost of construction as set forth in the graph below; 1977 building figures indicate a substantial increase when compared to previous years. It is the opinion of this office that perhaps because of its large land area (59.6 sq. miles), Belchertown can expect this growth to continue for several years; at least in that area of single family structures. It would perhaps be unwise not to monitor this growth; for although increasing substantially the inventory of developed taxable properties, it will proportionately increase the public services the Town must eventually provide.

Zoning

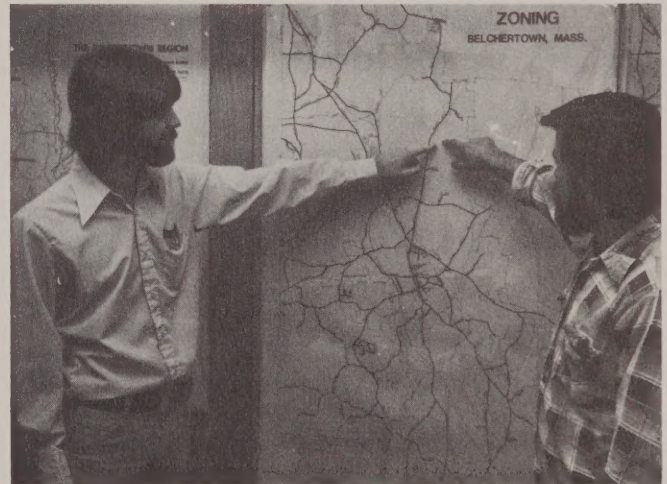
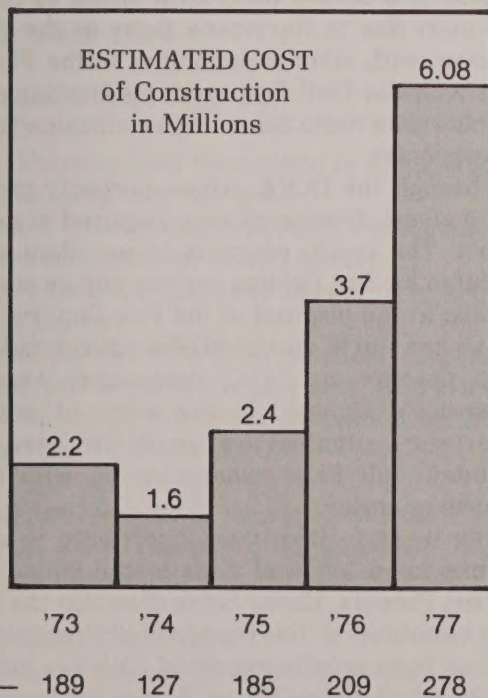
As Zoning Officer there have been few exceptions where violations of the By-Laws were not corrected before cease and desist orders had to be issued. This, indeed, is most gratifying, and exemplifies the cooperation that exists between the community and government.

Assessor Field Representative

Policies are being formulated to increase this area of responsibility which at this time includes the listing, measuring and photographing of all buildings under construction, as well as, periodic field checks on alteration which increase or decrease the value of property.

This report is submitted with my expressed appreciation to the citizens and officials of Belchertown for their assistance and cooperation in those matters for which this office is charged.

Respectfully submitted,
Elbert C. Ulshoeffter, Jr.



1977

Total permits issued:	278
Type of permit:	No.:
Single Family Dwelling	137
Mobile Home	47
Commercial	6
Sheds/Barns/Garages	19
Repairs/Alterations	58
Public Buildings	4
Renewals	6
Demolitions	2
Multi-Family	(for 70 units) 1
Estimated Cost:	\$6,088,894.50
Total Revenue Received:	\$17,477.20
(from permit fees)	

Wiring Inspector's Report

There were 243 Wiring Permits issued in 1977. These came under the following categories:

Permits for new or increased service at \$17.00:

176 issued Amount: \$2,992.00

Permits for repairs at \$12.00:

29 issued Amount: \$348.00

Permits for temporary service at \$22.00:

38 issued Amount: \$836.00

Total Permit Fees Collected: \$4,176.00

There were approximately 532 inspections of electrical work made.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert J. Henrichon, Wiring Inspector

Report of Tree Warden & Superintendent of Insect Pest Control

I hereby submit my report for the year of 1977 as Tree Warden and Superintendent of Insect Pest Control.

Tree Warden: During the year, thirty five trees were cut down. Many trees were trimmed of deadwood, broken and low limbs. We had a bad snow and rain storm on March 22, that did extensive damage. On June 18, July 21, August 1, and August 5, we had rain with high winds that caused more damage and required many hours of work to clean up. In the Spring, ten trees were planted. In the Fall, twenty trees were planted.

Dutch Elm Disease: Thirty one tested and condemned trees were cut down and destroyed.

Insect Pest Control: Elm trees were sprayed twice with Methoxychlor to combat the spread of Dutch Elm Disease. We sprayed some areas all around Town for Gypsy Moth. Fall Web Worm is still unsightly in the Fall. We have to spray for this pest in July, before it makes a web. We spray for this pest on some of the main roads.

Respectfully submitted,
Albert W. Brown



Civil Defense Report

Communication activity on the sector level has been minimal due to the cutbacks in state funding since mid 1975. The Belchertown Agency has a unit capable of operation on the frequency used by Area 4 and the Mt. Tom Repeater Association. The Radio Officer maintaining this unit has responded to three of the four unannounced simulated emergency drills thus far conducted. In a more mundane vein, the Communications Center at Lawrence Memorial Hall was staffed throughout the night of March 22, 1977 during the course of a severe wind/snow storm as it was during the alert due to Hurricane Betsy in the Fall of 1976. Contact with other communities in the Pioneer Valley and with the Civil Preparedness Headquarters at the Belchertown State School was maintained during these emergencies.

Through the DCPA excess property program, a $\frac{3}{4}$ ton 4 wheel drive truck was acquired at no cost to the Town. The truck, which is in excellent condition, is suitable for fire fighting service and as such, has been placed at the disposal of the Fire Department.

We are still in dire need of volunteer radio operators who possess an F.C.C. designated Amateur Radio Operator's License. In the event of any prolonged emergency situation we would be hard pressed to maintain full time communication with only one licensed operator.

We want to take this opportunity to express our thanks for a job well done to the outgoing Director, Robert Phoenix. Under Bob's direction the communication capability of the Town's Civil Preparedness Agency has been greatly improved. Bob has agreed to take on the job of Radio Officer. Again, our heartfelt thanks, Bob.

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas P. Blomstrom, Director
Robert H. Phoenix, Radio Officer

Board of Health Report

During the year the Board was very active in many areas.

The Board this year was successful in obtaining full membership in the Quaboag Valley VNA. Thru the efforts of one member, joint clinics were run utilizing two local Doctors, the VNA, the Council On Aging and the School Nurse. Over 200 persons were immunized at one clinic alone.

All local establishments and the Sanitary Landfill was inspected by Agent Sanitarian John Brickett.

New constructions and proposals saw 6 subdivisions, 406 percolations and 115 permits for subsewage issued and installed.

It is with deep regret that we observed the passing of the Animal Inspector for many years, Lewis Austin, we shall all miss him.

We wish to thank everyone who co-operated with this Board in making our jobs a bit more desirable.

Respectfully submitted,
James A. Bonafini, Sr., Chairman
Linda Snow, R.N.
Francis A. Dudek, Member

Visiting Nurse Report

Total Nursing Visits-1,455

Homemaker Health Aide Visits-327

Several good changes have been noted in the Quaboag Visiting Nurses' programs this year.

I. A close follow-up with health problems was possible due to the new Belchertown Health Center.

II. Homemaker Health Aides have proved to be a very worthwhile endeavor.

III. A new grant under Title III of the Elder American Act is being helpful to people 60 and over, who are not able to get help under any other insurance program and do not qualify for Medicaid.

Health Assessment-no cost visits were made to all who asked for help as is the policy of Quaboag Valley Visiting Nurse Association.

Continued to work closely with:

1. Senior Center to aid age group 65 and over.
2. Town communicable disease nurse.
3. Town organizations to utilize town resources.

Respectfully submitted,
(Mrs.) Rose Tyburski, R.N.
Staff Nurse, QVVNA

Report of the Clerk of Infectious Diseases

Number of cases of diseases dangerous to the public health:

Hepatitis	2
Streptococci (sore throat)	68
Animal Bites	10
Syphilis	2
Salmonellis	1
Gonorrhea	1

Respectfully submitted,
Charlotte P. Ketchen, R.N.



Sanitarian's Report

As Agent-Sanitarian for the Board of Health, I respectfully submit my annual report for 1977.

During 1977, routine monthly inspections were made on all food service (restaurants) and retail food service (stores & markets) establishments. For the most part, the establishments were in a good sanitary condition.

Monthly inspections were made at the two mobilhome parks. The condition of the parks was good.

During the summer months water samples were taken from the town beach and from the bath-house drinking fountain. Both sources were satisfactory.

Monthly inspections were made of the town disposal area. The maintenance of the area was for the most part good.

Because of the extremely bad weather the evening before the fair, normal inspection of the food booths was impossible. During the following day, the Board of Health members inspected the temporary food service booths. No problems were encountered with any booth.

Consultation was provided the Board of Health upon request.

I wish to thank the Board of Health and people of Belchertown for giving me such good cooperation during 1977.

Respectfully submitted,
John A. Brickett, R.S.
Agent-Sanitarian, Board of Health

Animal Inspector's Report

I have checked through the records passed on to me from Mr. Austin, and found that eighty-two inspections of animals and conditions under which they are kept were done and reports filed with the Division of Animal Health in Boston.

There were a total of nineteen dog bites reported during the past year. Visits were made to quarantine and examine dogs known to have bitten persons. None showed symptoms of rabies and were released after ten days.

Respectfully submitted,
Stanley Antonovitch, Animal Inspector

Plumbing Inspector's Report

There were 217 Plumbing Permits issued in 1977. At \$13.00 each the total Permit Fees collected is \$2,821.00. There were 138 inspections of plumbing work made.

Respectfully submitted,
Edward Czupkiewicz

Sewer Commission Report

Beyond our regular maintenance which consists of checking the complete sewer system, repairing where necessary, flushing to avoid stoppages, and clearing brush from the sewer right-of-way, we connected eleven new services on Jackson and Howard Streets.

This year we worked with Tighe and Bond Engineering Firm, and Penetryn System, to determine the portions of the system in need of repair or replacement.

Work on the sewer in South Belchertown is expected to begin this year. This will extend the sewer to the Franklin School and will be discharged to the Palmer treatment plant.

The much needed building of a larger sewer from Route 9 & 202 to the B.S.S. treatment plant should begin in 1979, the present system being inadequate in size, a check shows an average flow of 200,000 gallons daily through our sewer system.

Respectfully submitted,
Harry Brougham, Chairman
Ronald E. Blaine, Clerk
A. Preston Atwood

Highway Department Report

As in previous years, the Highway Department has been very busy this past year. As the Town grows the burden placed on the Highway Department becomes heavier and heavier. It appears that this year's high growth rate will be repeated next year and continue to create heavy workloads for this Department. Many old roads that have long since grown up to brush but were never officially discontinued have been rediscovered by homebuilders who have developed the area. These roads must now be kept in repair by the Town and frequently require many hours of work to make them passable with anything more than a truck. Some of the early subdivisions that have been accepted by the Town are now at the age of needing frequent maintenance.

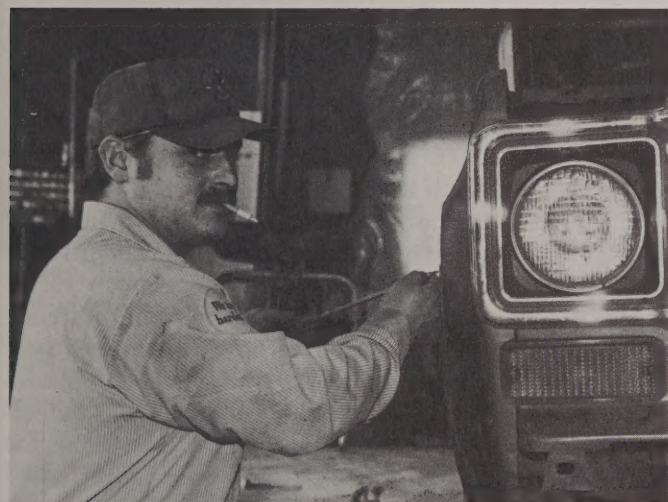
We are continuing with our program of resealing the streets. Over the past two years we have completed many of the streets in Town and hopefully, within the next few years we will have all of the dirt roads in Town sealed. When this phase of the program is complete, the program then calls for the reconstruction of our older roads and the resealing of the newer ones.

Drainage problems are one of the biggest jobs of the Department in recent years. Newly constructed houses crowd water away from the building lot and onto the roadway. The Highway Department then has to drain the water away from the roadway in order to keep the

pavement from working out and in order to prevent ice problems in the winter months. This past year drainage work was done on Cottage Street, Bay Road, Stebbins Street, Poole Road, and Fuller Street. Drainage work has been planned for Summit Street, South Street, Blue Meadow Road, Juckett Hill Road, Allen Street, Metacomet Street, Federal Street, and Warren Wright Street.



In past years the State reimbursed funds to the Town under Chapter 81 for the maintenance of the Town's secondary roads. These funds have been discontinued making it necessary to now put the burden of secondary road maintenance upon the shoulders of the tax rate. At the Annual Town Meeting in 1977 the sum of \$20,000.00 was appropriated from Federal Revenue Sharing funds to pay some of these expenses. The same amount will be requested in 1978 so that we can continue to keep up our secondary roadways.



The Highway Department has also been working on the reconstruction of Bay Road under Chapter 765 funding. This funding replaces the former Chapter 90 Construction funds which have been discontinued. The section of Bay Road from Lamson Avenue to Stebbins Street is slated to be completed during the 1978 calen-

dar year. We then plan to continue to reconstruct Bay Road, a section at a time, to the junction of Route 9.

During the year 1977, the Town purchased a new dump truck and sander. We have a program in which we try to replace a dump truck every other year and by doing so we feel that we can keep the equipment up to date without having a large outlay of cash all at one time. The Highway equipment now consists of 6 dump trucks, 4 sanders, one loader, one grader, one dozer loader for the Sanitary Landfill Area, two pickups, and we received an 8 ton roller and a pickup from government surplus last year.

During the year 1977, the Town equipped all highway trucks with two-way radios. This has proved to be a very profitable move for the Town both in efficiency of the Highway Department and in the public safety of the citizens.

In 1978 we are asking for a new loader. The present loader is 10 years old and has 11,000 engine hours. We haven't had any major expenditures for maintenance of this vehicle but we feel that they could start coming at any time. We will also be asking for a new sander. The life of a sander is only about 4 years due to the corrosive materials that they carry.

Some of the major projects planned for the coming year are the construction of Bay Road, the correction of Isaac's Corner on Route 21 (this project will be done with federal funds), the replacing of the dry bridge on Route 181 with a grade crossing (this project will also be done with federal funds), and the resurfacing of Route 181 and the Three Rivers Road.

Respectfully submitted,
Kenneth H. Snow
Selectman, Highway Department Liaison

Veteran's Department Report

I am pleased to report that in the past year, 1977, the Veteran's Department had a decrease in expenditures, instead of the usual increase. I do not feel that this should be used as a determining factor for the coming year's budget. We all know what happened in the past years, when this department had an increase of one hundred percent, over the recommended amount. The main reasons for the decrease are as follows:

1. The number of cases that have been transferred off because of Social Security Supplement.
2. Fewer students have had to have their schooling supplemented because of no allotment check from Boston.
3. This year fewer persons did not need our support, because they did not receive their Compensation check, as in previous years.

I would like to bring to the attention of the Board that our bills for Medication, Doctors, Hospitals and Nursing Homes were exceedingly low during the year.

This department has assisted applicants, as in previous years, to secure Service Discharges, Social Security, Pensions, Schooling, and sent numerous letters to Boston, concerning the applicants and their problems.

I would like to thank the Board of Selectmen, Susan Bridgman Almoners, Doctors, Hospitals, and others for their cooperation in the past year.

Respectfully submitted,
Earl F. Henrichon
Veteran's Agent

School Committee Report

In 1977 we had what I believe was the Town's largest School Committee Meeting with some 200 in attendance. The event of interest was the issue of released time for teacher planning. Planning time was requested by elementary teachers to allow those teaching common grade levels to achieve closer cooperation in instructional areas. They felt this would allow them to deal with specific areas of need in larger groups achieving better overall coverage of varied instructional needs. Many people felt that release time—letting the students out early once a week—would not improve overall educational achievement, would inconvenience working parents and complicate bussing. The School Committee did not allow release time. However, on an evaluation basis we authorized the Administration to hire qualified teachers to take over classes on a regular schedule allowing partial implementation of the planning time concept. We will be reviewing this alternative closely to determine its effectiveness.

An area of concern for the school system and the Town is our continued failure to make full use of one of our very fine educational facilities—namely Pathfinder Regional Vocational High School. While financially a very successful venture for the Town, in that the costs of sending our children to Pathfinder are less than half the cost to send them to any of the surrounding vocational schools, we are losing an educational oppor-

tunity for many children of the Town who could and should attend Pathfinder. The School Committee, Administration and Staff will make additional and continued effort to fully utilize Pathfinder. We will need and solicit parents' help in this area. Recent meetings with the Pathfinder Administration and School Committee by our Committee, Selectmen, Staff, and other Town Boards have led to a number of suggestions which will be studied and implemented in 1978 as well as improved understanding of mutual objectives.

An excellent maintenance schedule, ably carried out by the custodial staff and Town maintenance personnel, keeps the schools in excellent condition. It's to parents' and students' credit that vandalism is minimal in the schools. Each time we have an outside group in the schools, particularly the High School and Cold Spring, they express amazement at the fine condition of these buildings and cannot believe their age.

The school population continues to remain relatively constant despite the number of new homes in Town. Monitoring of the pre-school population as yet shows no increasing trend. We heartily support the Selectmen's effort to procure additional land now for presently needed recreational facilities and future school needs.

Respectfully submitted,
George A. Smith, Jr., Chairman
Belchertown School Committee

Report of the Superintendent of Schools

To the Members of the School Committee and the Citizens of the Town:

The most logical way to commence any report is to list the goals of the School Department and then to attempt to show the ways the goals were being met during 1977. The goals are as follows:

Goal I: To make effective use of the evaluation process in the improvement of instruction.

Goal II: To prepare revised and strengthened K-12 curriculum goals and associated budget proposals.

Goal III: To humanize the teaching environment.

Goal IV: To communicate more effectively with staff/students/parents.

Goal V: To work with teachers and parents in innovating instructional programs.

Goal VI: To make staff aware of the implications of Chapter 766.

Goal VII: To accelerate the professional growth of the administrators.

None of these goals are new. We have been working

consciously on most of them for three years and less consciously for many more. However, all are goals of the ongoing type which need constant monitoring and reinforcing in order to meet our main objective which is to develop an individualized program for our students within the limits of our abilities of staff, space, and funds. We shall first report on the four elementary schools and then on the Junior Senior High School during the year 1977.

Belchertown Elementary Schools

The educational process of the elementary schools of Belchertown underwent several changes in a continuing effort to improve the elementary schools at all levels of instruction.

The emphasis is still on individualization of instruction whereby the focus of the educational process is on the individual child rather than on groups of children of the same age or grade level.

The philosophy of the Belchertown Elementary



School System is a commitment to the development of the whole child according to each one's needs and unique learning styles. The educational process will focus itself on full respect for human worth and dignity.

The goals of the Belchertown Elementary Schools remain as in other years:

1. To accord dignity to the learner by respecting him as a person, by individualizing instruction in a manner which allows him to learn according to a style that fits his needs, abilities, and personal fulfillment.

2. To expand and advance the humane dimensions of all learners by the cultivation of spiritual, moral, and ethical values and attitudes.

3. To develop in each learner the basic skills needed for communication, perception, evaluation, and conceptualization of ideas. Among the most important are reading, writing, speaking, listening, visual and computational skills.

4. To provide each learner with varied opportunities to nurture interests, to discover and to develop natural talents, and to express values and feelings through various media.

5. To foster individual commitment to exercise the rights and responsibilities of group membership and to respect the rights of others. To provide each learner with knowledge and experience which contributes to sensitivity and understanding of human similarities and differences.

6. To encourage personal responsibility for mental and physical well being through hygiene, exercise, nutrition, safety, and proper use of drugs.

7. To provide each learner with knowledge and understanding for intelligent use of his environment.

Individually Guided Education

I.G.E. stands for Individually Guided Education, a program which was implemented at the Cold Spring School during the school year 1975. I.G.E. has two major goals:

1. Self-improvement

2. Individualization of instruction

Individually Guided Education accepts non-graded schools, team teaching, multi-age grouping, differentiated staffing, and diagnostic-prescriptive teaching, not as innovations, but as the way schools ought to be organized.

I.G.E. is a comprehensive system designed to produce higher educational achievement by providing for differences among children in rate of learning, learning style, level of motivation, and other characteristics.

Cold Spring School is divided into three learning communities with each unit having responsibility for approximately 75-100 pupils. Each unit has 3 or 4 teachers and one unit leader. The multi unit organization at Cold Spring School is an instructional and administrative organization that enables educational decision making, open communication, and accountability to occur at appropriate levels. Within each unit of the school, the staff members plan, implement, and evaluate the instructional program of each child in that unit.

The Program Improvement Committee (P.I.C.) is the next step up in the multi unit school organization. It is composed of the principal and all the unit leaders; as such it is the link between the classroom and the administration. The P.I.C. works out the educational program for the whole building based on objectives defined in cooperation with unit staffs. P.I.C. members plan and coordinate their program with regard to school system policies. In-service activities also are planned and implemented by the P.I.C.

Specialists are brought in as needed to help the P.I.C. set up the curriculum, obtain materials, and deal with problems that require specialized knowledge.

Reading

Developmental Reading

Wisconsin Design

Library

E.R.I.N.

Remedial Reading

The students in grades one through six continue to make excellent reading progress using a combination of the Holt, Rinehart and Winston Reading Program along with the Scott Foresman Open Highways Reading Program. Both of these programs are supplemented by teacher made materials and games. These extra materials give the teachers the opportunity to plan individual reading programs for all children regardless of need and ability.

We continue to evaluate all our programs and update materials to meet the changing needs of all our students.

This year we were able to begin implementation of the Wisconsin Design for Comprehension. This pro-

gram provides the teacher with a management tool to effectively implement an individual program that strengthens comprehension skills for all children. We are continuing to experience a great deal of success with the Word Attack part of the Wisconsin Design. This program provides us with a complete profile of each child's individual ability in this area. Teachers use these profiles to plan group and individual lessons.

Due to a total lack of available space at the elementary schools it has become necessary to further supplement classroom libraries and store material within classrooms. We look forward to the day that teachers and children will have libraries to use as another resource for learning.

This year, Project E.R.I.N., the Early Recognition and Intervention Network is in the process of revision. While this revision is taking place, we are using the E.R.I.N. materials that fit the needs of our school. We are keeping up with the changes so that we may implement this program in full next year.

The Remedial Reading Program services children referred under Chapter 766. Children work in small groups or individually according to their special needs. There are approximately fifty children ranging from grades 1-6 in the program.

The child is referred by the classroom teacher then tested and evaluated before entering the program. Through the use of a wide selection of materials each child's individual needs are attained.

The ultimate goal of the Remedial Reading Program is to help each child reach his or her highest potential.

IMS

The I.M.S. (Individualized Mathematics System) is in its fifth year here. The major components of the program are the laminated skill folders that the children work on. The children work independently and in small groups on the specific skills they need to learn. The classroom teachers supplement the program with drill and practice two days a week. This year a course was given to parent volunteers on the I.M.S. program. Parent volunteers continue to provide valuable assistance to the teachers in correcting tests and worksheets and many other related tasks.

Remedial Math

The learning disabilities math program is in its sixth year of helping children referred under Chapter 766. Children work in small groups with a variety of resource material. Abstract concepts are more realistically presented through the use of various manipulative materials and games.

By using concrete materials, concepts can be presented in a more realistic and consequently more meaningful way. The child thus has a much better chance of remembering what was learned. The skill level of children working within the program has made substantial improvement. The program is reaching

more lower level children as a result of this progress.

Special Needs Program

During the past year 154 Belchertown students have been serviced by the Massachusetts Education Law, Chapter 766. We have attempted to mainstream these children and have succeeded with the vast majority. However, there are some disabilities that it is not practical to service in the regular classroom. Such a disability is severe deafness. For this reason we have two children who attend Willie Ross School for the Deaf while one child is matriculating at the Austine School for the Deaf.

Two of our Belchertown students are attending the Alternative Middle School in South Amherst.

Two children are attending the Project Grow program at Pathfinder while two other children are new students attending the regular program at that school.

One child is in the Pre-Vocational School at South Hadley and one other is in Sunshine Village.

Five children are in pre-school programs preparing to enter the regular school program.

Ninety-two children have been serviced at the elementary level in the Belchertown schools and forty-six at the high school level. These services were delivered in the form of special programs in reading, math and perceptual motor training. Some children have received help in speech and hearing therapy while psychological therapy has also been used with other children.

Elementary Guidance

Developmental Guidance and Counseling is an integral part of each child's academic and social development in and outside of the school setting. This year, the Elementary Guidance Staff has continued to provide programs and services to involve teachers and parents in school guidance. These programs are: "Developmental Issues and Children's Literature", the "Sixth Grade Human Development Program", Systematic Training for Effective Parenting (STEP), and "Inside/Out", a public television Health Education program.

The **Developmental Issues and Children's Literature Program** consists of weekly or bi-weekly 'Literature Discussion' groups which are held in the classroom and led by Mr. Wayne S. Frieden, (Title I) Elementary School Counselor. Using children's literature, filmstrips, and other guidance activities as stimuli for discussion, pupils in grades one through four explore topics relevant to their social development in and outside of the classroom setting. Pupils are given an opportunity to express their ideas and learn from each other.

The **Sixth-Grade Human Development Program** is new this year and offered as part of the sixth-grade Social Studies curriculum at Memorial School. Mr. Frieden, in collaboration with Mrs. Kathy Oparowski, meets weekly with each Social Studies class. The objec-

tives of the program are to develop effective discussion and communication skills, an awareness and understanding of self and others, decision-making skills, and career awareness, including understanding the relationship between the school, home, and community.

STEP is a program designed to help parents deal more effectively with the ever increasing and changing demands of raising children today. Parents learn child-training principles and practices for raising responsible children who will grow into responsible men and women, capable of living meaningful happy adult lives. STEP is for couples, one parent, and the single parent. The STEP program is sponsored co-jointly by the Elementary Guidance Department and the Elementary Parent Advisory Council. STEP will be offered again this spring for interested parents. In addition, a guidance 'lending library' has been compiled for any parent who wishes to learn more about child development and/or child rearing practices. All parents are welcome to drop by or contact Gary Millett or Wayne Frieden at Cold Spring Elementary School for more information.



"Inside/Out" is a series of thirty 15-minute public educational television programs to help eight to ten year olds achieve and maintain well-being. The series emphasizes communication skills, involvement of the learner, interacting with others, student listening, valuing, and decision-making. With the advent of television at Cold Spring School, Mrs. Carol Weeks and Miss Mary Pietryka have introduced "Inside/Out" to their 3-4 grade classrooms.

Finally, part of the December 10, 1977 elementary teacher's workshop was presented by Mr. Frieden on the "Ethical, Humane, and Practical Considerations of Behavior Modifications Procedures in the Classroom."

Title I, ESEA

The major portion of Belchertown's Title I federal funds entitlement for 1977 supported PROJECT ASSIST which provides tutorial and counseling services at

each of Belchertown's elementary schools. In September, this program was expanded to include Grades 7 and 8 for the first time. The additional kindergarten class which has been funded by Title I for the 1976-77 school year was made a regular school program for the 1977-78 school year.

Evaluation results of PROJECT ASSIST indicate that these services had a significant impact on the progress of the pupils involved. Program goals outlined before the start of the program were attained. The future direction of the Title I program is the responsibility of the Title I Parent Advisory Council which will review the present program and begin planning next year's effort in April.

Speech Therapy

The Speech Program continues to offer diagnostic evaluation and remediation services to all Belchertown residents between three and twenty-one years of age. At present fifty-three children from kindergarten to eighth grade are receiving direct therapy in articulation, language, and auditory skill development. An additional 13 are being monitored to assure that the proficiency they have attained is being maintained. All children who entered kindergarten were screened for speech and language difficulties in May, 1977. The bank of specialized material to teachers has been expanded to include parents this year and a goal of the program is to expand this service to more parents.

Elementary Art Program

The Belchertown Elementary Art Program provides the children with knowledge about the elements of design, art projects coordinated with the classroom curriculum, experience with a variety of art materials, and exposure to art work done by famous artists.

Last January the children in grades one thru six began preparing for the International Festival of the Arts. By coordinating the art lessons with the social studies curriculum we developed some exciting projects related to other countries. Mrs. Hartzell, a woman from town, who has lived in Africa, gave an interesting presentation to the third and fourth graders on African art and life styles. The children constructed African vessels decorated with African design. The second and third grades studied Japan and made kites and scrolls. Other children made projects related to different countries, such as Poland, Mexico, and England. On June 12, the children's efforts were presented to the public in a spectacular show in which the children danced, sang songs and exhibited their art work.

In addition to preparing for the International Festival, the fifth and sixth grades made huge scenes for the play, "Tom Sawyer", presented to the public in the Spring of 1977.

During an October, 1977 workshop the classroom teachers learned how to use art prints in their cur-

riculum to motivate creative writing, and encourage historical studies to name only two of many classroom learning skills enhanced by the use of art prints.

In preparation for the Christmas holidays, children were busy in many art classes decorating for holiday performances, and preparing gifts and cards for someone special in their lives.

In the future the Elementary children will continue to create charming and extraordinary pieces of art work in both two and three dimensions. Carving materials, clay, paint and many other materials will be used in a variety of art projects to give each child the opportunity to improve his hand and eye coordination and develop fine motor skills.

Elementary Music Program

The Elementary Music program continues to grow in quality of materials purchased for grades kindergarten through six, and in variety of performance opportunities for all children.

Enough Silver Burdett Music textbooks were purchased in the summer of 1977 to complete the sets for each grade level 1-6. These are excellent, modern books which aid in the teaching of musical concepts. Beautiful photographs and a wide variety of musical styles make this series quite interesting for children.

An exciting International Festival of the Arts was presented on a Sunday in June, 1977. This program involved music from around the world performed by a Rhythm Band from Cold Spring School and by Elementary Band from Memorial. Folk dancing was done by a select group of 3rd and 4th graders, and all children's art work adorned the building. This integration of the arts was rewarding and successful.

The Rhythm Band mentioned above came together again early in September to prepare a demonstration lesson for Open House at Cold Spring School.

The four classes at Center School gave a delightful Thanksgiving program for the public in November. Hymns, turkey songs, choral readings, and Indian dances were included. Keeping with the holiday traditions, Fifth Avenue children presented a Christmas program at Cold Spring on December 20.

The Elementary Chorus made up of 60 children at Memorial School remained busy in the spring of 1977 working on the musical production "Tom Sawyer" presented two evenings in May. They also joined with the Elementary Band in December to present the annual Christmas concert of traditional music.

Elementary Instrumental Music Program

Under the direction of Marilyn Bennett, the highlight of the 1977 Spring term was the International Arts Festival held in June. In the Fall term of 1977, the Belchertown Instrumental music and band program found Miss Bennett taking a year leave of absence and her replacement being David Jacobson.

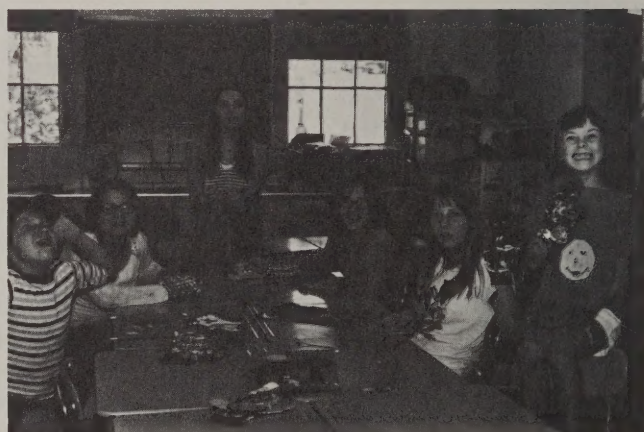
As a result of the largest graduating 6th grade in the

history of this Town, the program found itself in a rebuilding situation this year. With the addition of 47 beginners from the 4th, 5th and 6th grades to the remaining 35 5th and 6th graders, the program was underway with a total of 82 students.

This year the recruitment program included an instrument demonstration for all 4th, 5th and 6th graders taking place on October 3 at Memorial School. The annual instrument distribution program took place on October 6 at the Junior-Senior High School.

The first event of the school year was the Halloween parade on Monday evening, October 31. This year the traditional parade around the park included both the Jr.-Sr. High School Band and the Elementary Band.

The annual Christmas program with the elementary chorus under the direction of Mrs. Dorothy Knightly and the Elementary Band performed to a large audience at the Memorial School auditorium on Tuesday, December 20. The performance of both groups displayed the talents of large and small ensembles alike, as well as those of several fine soloists.



The instrumental teaching facilities have been improved this year with the addition of a blackboard, storage area, bulletin board, and a display cabinet, as well as new musical instruments. Also, scheduled for completion in the near future is a portable 'sound screen' to be installed at the entrance to the Cold Spring School stage. The purpose of the screen is to establish a better teaching, working and learning environment for those who utilize the All-Purpose Room as well as the stage area.

Improving advantages to everyone concerned this year was the involvement and assistance of High School music students in the elementary band program.

Plans for the future include the formation of a second band, the Jr. Elementary Band, for the educational and enjoyment of the beginners.

Elementary Physical Education Program

The elementary physical education program em-

phasizes basic motor skills, team games and sports. Sportsmanship, cooperation and a sense of fair play are developed through the various team sports. Self-confidence and competence are developed through individual activities such as stunts and tumbling and rope jumping.

The Art, Music and Physical Education Departments combined efforts last spring to present an International Festival of the Arts. Children in the third and fourth grades at Cold Spring School performed international folk dances. The Hora was danced to music performed by the Elementary School Band.

Franklin and Center Schools held field days in June which included activities such as tug-of-war, parachute and relay races. The Fifth Avenue unit participated in mini-olympic activities and ended their day with a pie-eating contest. Parsons Field was the location for the 5th grade field day. Teams from each room competed in many Olympic and novelty activities during the afternoon event.

This fall a permanent basketball backboard and hoop were installed in the Cold Spring School All-Purpose room. A peg board was installed at Center School. Also a number of jump ropes have been added to the physical education inventory and has provided students with an opportunity for individual satisfaction, increased coordination and enjoyment.

This Spring the program will include Social Dance for 6th graders and again the opportunity to participate in track and field events once again using the elementary hurdles, discus and shot put purchased last year.

Also this spring field days are again in the planning stages for Franklin, Memorial, Center and Cold Spring Schools.

School Volunteer Program

The volunteer program placed 115 volunteers within the four elementary schools during the year. The volunteers gave a total of 4,189 hours at the end of the 1977 school year. Twenty seven classroom teachers and two specialists utilized volunteers. Five volunteers were utilized for the first time this year by the Jr.-Sr. High School to tape curriculum for the Special Education Department's Optimum Interaction Learning Laboratory (O.I.L.). Taping was done in the volunteers' homes.

The program this year consisted of 8 specific areas of service:

1. Classroom Volunteers
2. Substitute Volunteers
3. Room Chaperones
4. Community Resource Volunteers (Enrichment)
5. Parent Advisory Council
6. Babysitting (at home for volunteers' children)
7. Optimum Interaction Learning Laboratory Volunteers

8. Miscellaneous Volunteers (Volunteers who did clerical work for the Volunteer Program, worked on the I.M.S. cart, etc.)

Areas from which we obtained volunteers were: Belchertown High School, Pathfinder Regional Vocational High School, University of Mass. "Explorations Program," Parents or other relatives of students and concerned people from within our community.

As a means to better publicize the Volunteer Program throughout the community, a Bookmark was designed and distributed to appropriate areas of the Town. As a result of community publicity we have acquired people from the community who have much to offer our schools and would have otherwise not been contacted through a parent notice sent home from school.

The first step in establishing a cooperative climate between home and school is to recognize and act upon a well established fact: The school and the home need each other.

Here in Belchertown we've had the opportunity to see it in action and are fortunate to know that it works. The majority of volunteers in our schools are parents of school children.

Our volunteer program has developed an awareness of the school and its importance.

Pre-Kindergarten Program

The pre-kindergarten class which was started in September, 1976 as a Title I program has been continued as a regular program. The 1977-78 class has twelve children selected during the spring screening process. The needed extra year before kindergarten is spent developing skills in perceptual, motor, language and social skills. The emphasis is determined by the skills of the children. This year the focus is language. The class that completed in June, 1977 showed growth in all skill areas and are successfully learning in kindergarten.

Science

An innovative science program, the Science Curriculum Improvement Study (S.C.I.S.) began another year of successful operation. The program is laboratory-oriented and employs scientific inquiry. S.C.I.S. is one of only two elementary school science programs to be given the rating of excellent by the Massachusetts Association of Science Supervisors.

Social Studies

Modern relevant and innovative social studies programs are being carried on at all levels with "Family of Man"—A University of Minnesota Social Studies Project in grades 1-4, "Man—A Course of Study" taught in grade five and "People and Technology" taught in grade six.

Intramural Sports at Memorial

The intramural sports program was very successful during 1977. The program provides instruction and

competition for all boys and girls in grades five and six who wish to participate. Included among the sports are basketball, softball, soccer, touch football and kickball.

Interns

Belchertown teachers have demonstrated their interest in the future of their profession by continuing to train student teachers from the University of Massachusetts and Westfield State College. Student interns did their student teaching at Cold Spring and Memorial Schools during the Fall of 1977.

Student Advisory Council at Memorial

A Student Advisory Council began its fourth year of operation. The seven member committee was elected by their fellow classmates at Memorial School. The purpose of the council is to make recommendations to their advisor for improving the welfare of the pupils.

Parent Advisory Council

A Parent Advisory Council was established by the principal four years ago to meet regularly with him to provide two-way communication between the school administration and parents.

Parent Teacher Conferences

During American Education Week in November Parent-Teacher Conferences were scheduled in grades K-6. The conferences were a success with over 94% of the parents in attendance.

Assembly Programs

The school children of Belchertown presented several enjoyable educational assembly programs during 1977. Among the several programs were: a Memorial Day observance at Memorial School, a Memorial School Christmas program, an International Arts Fair, Memorial School play "Tom Sawyer", a Christmas concert at Memorial School, a Fire Safety program at Center and Cold Spring Schools, the HA HA Puppet Theater presentation at Cold Spring School, Grade 3 and 4 Christmas program at Cold Spring School and a Franklin School field day.

Educational Field Trips

Educational field trips were continued during 1977 for all grades. In May of 1977 over 100 sixth grade pupils attended Camp Sargent in Peterborough, New Hampshire for one week. Some of the other field trips taken were to Skinner's Apple Orchard, the Wing Memorial Clinic and the local fire station by the kindergarten classes, to Laughing Brook in Hampden, and Wistariahurst Museum in Holyoke by grades 1 and 2. Grades 2 and 3 visited Quabbin Reservoir and the Fox Theater in Springfield. Grades 3 and 4 visited the New England Aquarium in Boston, Sturbridge Village, the Worcester Science Museum and Friendly's Ice Cream Company in Wilbraham. The fifth graders attended a performance of the "Nutcracker Suite" at the University of Massachusetts and a performance of the "Riddle Machine" at the Young People's Theater in Northampton. Grade six pupils enjoyed a visit to Mystic

Seaport in Connecticut and to a performance of the "Riddle Machine" at the Young People's Theater in Northampton.

The schools earnestly hope that an increasing number of parents will participate in school activities during the coming year. When the parents show an interest in the school activities, it usually reflects in the children's experience for parents, children and teachers.



Belchertown Jr.-Sr. High School

Business Department

The Business Department curriculum provides all students with a general background in basic business; occupational education for those students planning to seek employment; and personal-use business subjects. Secretarial, accounting, and basic business subjects are offered to prepare students for entrance into business careers and for advancement to higher levels within their careers. The courses in the curriculum have been designed to assist today's students toward logical and independent thinking, effective communication skills, sound decision making, and an awareness of the value of human relations.

To meet the needs of the students the curriculum of Typewriting II has been expanded to include an Office Job Training program. This program consists of fifteen individual job training programs. Because of the job-centered focus of each of these programs, all skills are developed and applied in integrated fashion in light of the demands of each specific job. Because of the individualized nature of the fifteen training programs, each student can select the jobs he wants to master and he can advance according to the standards set for him. Each job requires no more than twelve to fifteen hours, on the average, for a trainee to meet minimum business standards of performance. The jobs represent ideal "entry" positions for the beginning office worker.

All the office occupational clusters (as defined in the

United States Office of Education taxonomy) are represented by one or more of the fifteen individual training programs. The only clusters not represented are those that require specialized equipment, higher education, or on-the-job experience. Openings for these fifteen jobs are available in all parts of the country. The programs provide excellent preparation for advanced work in a vocationally oriented curriculum. The student who has completed a number of the individual training programs in Office Job Training can make an easy transition to a full-scale office simulation where he will cope with a realistic flow of work as he moves from job to job and interacts with other office employees.

A Consumer Education course was offered to all Juniors. The course was designed to give students a better idea of what it means to be a consumer in contemporary society. The course is divided into three distinct but related areas. The goals are familiarization and skills development of the following areas: (a) Job Application procedures and Personal Finances including Insurance, Taxes, Budgeting, and Recordkeeping, (b) Functions, Purchasing, and Maintenance of home appliances; electrical, plumbing, and heating systems, and purchase of food and clothing, (c) Fiscal and Legal concerns of the consumer, including consumer contracts, rights, and responsibilities, housing, money and banking, payroll deductions, credit, and financing and insuring a motor vehicle.

The students participated in educational field trips to various destinations and the business instructors attended seminars and workshops related to business.

Mathematics Department

The learning experience encompassed in the Junior-Senior High School mathematics program provides all students the opportunity to experience success in completing the mathematics requirements for graduation. A student should develop self-confidence in his or her ability to learn mathematics and should be encouraged to continue studying mathematics beyond the required course level.

For several years, the subject matter contained in the curriculum has reflected an emphasis on methods and skills, while the study of the structure of our mathematical system has received less attention. In doing so, the curriculum has apparently anticipated a current general opinion that there is a need to return to "basics."

During the school year, one of the major challenges of the classroom teacher is the accumulation and retention of skills by students. In this regard, each member of the Department uses his personal initiative in lesson planning so that review drills to enhance retention are provided.

A very important addition to the mathematics program this year has come with a programmable

calculator, the *Monroe Classmate 1800*. This provides students with the experience of keyboard operation in programming. The machine is capable of a wide range of sophisticated programming concepts.

Hand held calculators are demonstrated by all of the teachers in the Department at various times in their respective courses.

A continuation of the summer workshop involving two elementary and two junior high teachers has helped to make the transition from elementary level to secondary level to be without any apparent problems.

Foreign Language Department

The Foreign Language Department offered French, Spanish, and Latin in the high school as full-sequence courses which were open to all students. This year, an exploratory language program was reinitiated in the junior high to introduce the concept of "language" to students. A Latin ROOTS program and French language and culture units were offered to 8th graders two hours per week. Future plans include a more comprehensive introduction to include the 7th graders, as well. One of the benefits of studying a foreign language, especially Latin, which improves students' fluency, vocabulary, reading skills and command of their native English language, was addressed at a present tion at the Massachusetts Foreign Language Association Fall Conference at Framingham by Ms. Marianne Pagos, who teaches French and Latin at the high school.

As part of their language studies, a group of high school French students embarked upon a two-week study tour of France in May. The students traveled through many provinces by train on an extensive itinerary and experienced a grand view of the geography, peoples, and variety of customs within France. The tour, which began in Paris and included Versailles, continued to Chamonix and Mont Blanc for an alpine adventure; to the Riviera for Cannes and Fréjus, an old Roman town; and then on to be highlighted by the Grand Prix in Monaco and the Jacques Cousteau Oceanographic Museum there. From that tropical climate, the students traveled to Les Eyzies in the Dordogne region to inspect the world's center of Prehistory at the Museum of Cro-Magnon Man. Rummaging among the skeletons and fossils of the area, the students entered the prehistoric cave at Font-de-Gaume where they passed into the 40,000 year-old home of Cro-Magnon man, viewed the well-preserved cave paintings of bison and deer, and examined the tools of their ancestors. From that lush, once-glacier-covered valley, the last leg of the tour was realized at Limoges, the chateaux of the Loire Valley and Mont-St.-Michel off the coast of Normandy.

Another such study tour is planned for May of 1979 for the French language students at the high school; and may, if feasible, include a tour for Latin students to the Roman ruins of Great Britain and the unearthed

volcanic eruptions at Pompeii and Herculaneum in Italy. As in the past, students are able to defray the expense of the trip by their various fund-raising activities in the French Club.

In cooperation with the International Fellowship Organization, the Department hosted two foreign students this fall from South America. In January, Tula Illmann came from Lima, Peru as a senior to the high school, and graduated with the Class of 1977 in June. In September, Carmen Exposito arrived from Caracas, Venezuela to study for the year, and plans to graduate with the Class of 1978. Future exchange programs are anticipated with South American nations, France, and other European countries to sponsor foreign students and to send Belchertown language students to those nations to study.

In June of 1977 the Second Annual International Fair was held by the Department members in the high school gymnasium. Projects and exhibits created by students studying foreign languages included the foods, art, history, geography, customs, music and lore of the French, Spanish, and Roman cultures as they influence American life today. In the spring of 1978 the Department is looking forward to presenting its third annual fair which will feature projects from other ethnic backgrounds and is open to the community.

Science Department

In preparation for the high school evaluation in November, 1977, Science Department goals were finalized and indicators defined to evaluate these goals. Behavioral objectives were written for each major subject area from grades seven to twelve and included with evaluative criteria in a curriculum guide.

PSSC Physics was offered for college preparatory juniors and seniors and will continue to be offered every other year, alternating with a practicum in Physical Science. Home Gardening was offered for the first time and proved to be a very popular semester elective.

To provide a learning environment insuring the safety of students and teachers, metal safety cabinets complying with O S H A specifications were installed in the chemistry preparation area for improved storage of chemicals. New sanitation cabinets for goggles along with eye wash stations were installed in both Junior and Senior High School classrooms.

A workshop was conducted during the summer to prepare learning activity packages for special needs students in Earth Science.

Science students attended Math-Science day at Our Lady of the Elms College and others participated in a career awareness day at the University of Massachusetts Engineering School in Amherst.

Designed to acquaint members of the High School Evaluating Committee with the schools and community of Belchertown, a colorful slide-tape presentation was

prepared and shown at the introductory meeting with the visiting team by a group of students under the direction of Mrs. Curry, and Mr. Giroux.

English Department

This past year was one of re-evaluation of existing departmental curriculum including debate and agreement on a return to basic English with specific goals to be accomplished. To this end, Junior Elective English was dropped from the Program of Studies and Junior English was installed. Junior English has been organized to effect four major areas of study. American Literature is the traditional literature for this level; Modern European Literature and English Literature will be offered as senior reading electives. Speech, which in the past has been offered to a small group of students, is now mandatory and included in Junior English. Basic traditional grammar now concludes after the Junior year rather than the Sophomore year. Different forms of writing including exposition are stressed and for the college bound Junior, S.A.T. preparation rounds out this curriculum.

The Reading Program for the Junior High School continues to stress individualized reading. Individual progress is measured with a Pre and Post test. The Stanford Diagnostic Reading Test is the testing device used.

Social Studies Department

The Social Studies Department spent much of 1977 evaluating its program in preparation for the visit in the fall by the accrediting team from NEASSC. Curriculum in all areas of the Department were studied and modified where necessary. In addition, plans were formulated for longer range improvements in the program.

While the self-evaluation was taking place, the Department continued many of its regular on-going programs. Field trips were made to Old Sturbridge Village, District Court in Northampton, monk huts in Pelham and to Peabody to view an oxcart built in 800 A.D. and possibly sailed across the Atlantic at that time. Implementation of a new social studies program in grade seven was begun. The program was entitled Windows on the World—USA. It seeks to have our students look for answers to the questions who is an American, where does he come from, where does he live and why.

Mike Lacombe represented the school at Student Government Day in Boston during the Spring. The Department once again conducted the VFW Voice of Democracy contest and our winner, Joseph O'Rourke, made it to the state finals of the contest. Another successful ecology fair was held and was well-attended by many people including elementary students and people from Town.

Art Department

The Art Department program helps to provide students with the basic skills needed for all creative

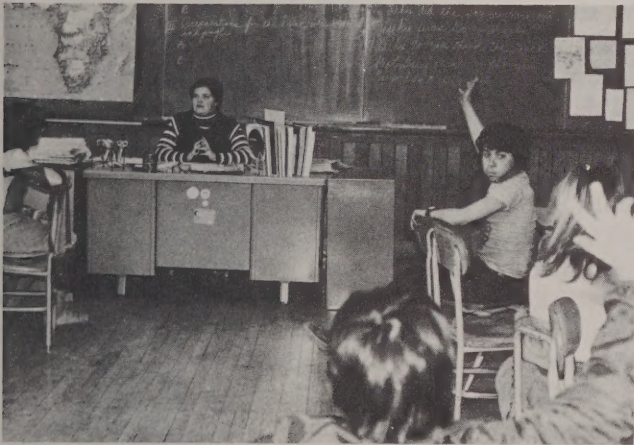
thought necessary for a well rounded productive future.

Emphasis on individual student needs, problems in both 2-Dimensional and 3-Dimensional areas are explored in Ceramics, Drawing and Introductory Art.

The Camera Club gives the interested student/hobbyist the opportunity to further their interest in the field of Photography.

Music Department

The Music Department in the Jr.-Sr. High School provided students with a wide range of quality instruction and performance opportunities. Four student musicians were awarded seats in the Western Mass. District Festival competition. Two with Jazz/Rock Ensemble, one with Band and one with Orchestra. Several students maintain chairs with Springfield Youth Symphony Orchestra, Pioneer Valley Symphony Orchestra, Mass. Youth Wind Ensemble (a group composed of the pick of all Mass.) and various other organizations ranging from special musical events at



the University of Mass. to local and area rock groups. There are currently 13 former students involved as music majors or minors in leading under-graduate colleges in Massachusetts and Connecticut.

The Band participated in Veteran's Day, Halloween Rag Shag and Memorial Day parades and continues to serve as the leading musical unit for various school and community activities.

The Band went on tour to Clinton, Mass. and participated in a series of concerts and assemblies with the Clinton High School Band. In return Belchertown hosted Clinton which resulted in a joint concert at the High School and an assembly program featuring the combined bands.

Belchertown initiated a novel project this year—collaboration with Ware, Mass. The combined strengths of both musical organizations made for many interesting practice hours and resulted in a fine collaborative concert.

For those students who express a special interest in music there are courses in theory, harmony, composition, ear training, solfegge and electronic music. These provide a continuation of the new general music program offered to the seventh grade which explores the various components of music, and touches on the basics for musical understanding.

Sixty students showed up for band this September which is the largest group we have ever had. The elementary program is at normal level with approximately 55. A new Jazz/Rock Ensemble has been formed at the High School, which, in addition to the Swing and Concert Bands, cover the entire spectrum of musical experience for our students. There are currently ten majorettes and one Drum Major participating with the marching band.

The chorus program is gaining momentum, too. Participation includes chorus rehearsals, voice lessons and classes, and the senior play. Up-coming possibilities include a senior choir singing for graduation and the spring concert, and concert participation by the girl's chorus.

Our school music program is designed to help the individual develop a sensitivity to the beautiful values of music and to initiate and broaden an understanding of music through group participation. Our primary objective is one of aesthetic education and the development of aural intelligence with resultant community entertainment.

The Senior Play

On December 9 and 10, 1977 the Senior Class of 1978 presented the play "Rock-N-Roll." The Saturday night performance was highlighted by a Supper Theater in the Cafeteria.

The musical involved the majority of the Senior Class providing fine entertainment for the school and community.

The play was directed by Mr. Herman Bowden, of the Elementary School Staff, and Mr. David Wallis, Junior High music teacher.

Library Services

The Belchertown Junior-Senior High School library center is an integral part of the educational program of the school. It is our policy to provide a wide diversity of appeal, and the presentation of different points of view, for all students. During the 1976-77 academic year, a strong commitment was made to acquire materials to further enrich and support the curriculum and the personal needs of the users. In so selecting, the varied interests, abilities, and learning styles of the students were considered. It is hoped that these materials will stimulate growth in factual knowledge, literary appreciation, aesthetic values, and ethical standards.

A functionally literate student knows how to find answers to problems, how to keep informed, and in-

tellectually alive. Therefore our library strives to function as a learning laboratory, and the librarian as a teacher whose subject is learning itself. To this end, an orientation and library skills program was developed and implemented. During the past year, an effort was made to provide a warm and pleasing environment to nurture the student's sensitivity to beauty and good design. We have introduced both art prints and museum replicas through the co-operation of the South Hadley Public Library System.

Students also benefited from a tour and workshop held at the Holyoke Community College Library. The Head Reference Librarian, Mrs. Judith Campbell instructed students in references, indexes, procedures, microfiche, and information retrieval skills, via computer. The college maintains a liberal circulation policy, and several students registered for cards. Upperclassmen have also been referred to the University of Massachusetts Library, where a number of Belchertown scholars are now registered borrowers.

A first hand look at art treasures was afforded many students, via our trips to both the Museum of Arts—Boston, and the Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York City. Response was phenomenal to the world of learning outside the classroom and library setting.

The importance of our library center within the curriculum intensified during the past year. Our continuing commitment is to serve the individual, and to implement, enrich, vitalize, and humanize the entire educational program.

Audio-Visual Services

What does it mean to be a child growing up in the late 1970's? Many of the problems and wonders of growing up are the same now as they were twenty years ago, but in today's fast changing, media oriented world being a teen-ager also means: spending an estimated 8,000 hours watching TV before entering school, and about three hours a day watching TV throughout the school years. Being used to simply changing the channel if the program offered is too easy, difficult, or dull. Being more comfortable than most adults with operating equipment like cameras, tape recorders, VTRs, and projectors.

Considering the richness of experience in which this teen-ager is nurtured, it is clearly not reasonable to expect him to learn in an environment where the aural and visual media he is most familiar with are all but non-existent. We can no longer give students adequate learning experience without the use of media. The audio-visual services at Belchertown help meet the educational needs of both student and teacher. They help to expand the confines of the classroom. They serve as tools in the learning process, even if it is a back to basics approach to the learning process. We are members of the Massachusetts Educational Television Association, and take full advantage of their

broadcasts over channel 57, Springfield. We also have membership in the Abraham Krasker Memorial Film Library, Boston University, and the Forbes Library Film Center, Northampton, Massachusetts. Along with several local high schools, we exchange and transcribe video tapes.

Our Media Club serves as an introduction to the world of communications. Students are taught basic television technique, as well as a familiarity with equipment and video tape production. Students have had the opportunity to see studio television production at the Holyoke Community College Educational Television Production Center, as well as at the Public Access Television Cable Station in South Hadley. The knowledge gained through the Media Club is applied as students video tape school functions, i.e. plays, assemblies, graduation, basketball games etc. Teachers also use the VTR as a resource tool for class, for example, in speech class, to help develop self awareness, body image, voice projection, etc., to aid the speaker in technique, and to rid him of possible initial shyness.

Belchertown is moving into the media age.

Student Action For Education

This club formerly known as the Future Teachers of America once again enjoyed an increase in membership this year. The members are concerned with community school projects, careers in education, specialized education, and college opportunities.

Again this year the members took part in tutorial programs, community projects, and raised money for scholarships. Last June the S.A.E. was pleased to present scholarships to eight students; Paul Adzima, Robin Felton, Dorina Gallerani, Jeffrey Gould, Barbara Loftus, Raymond Mitchell, Michael Rhodes, and Mary Jane Russell.

Humanities Club

"We can make it together" was the driving theme for the Belchertown Jr.-Sr. High School Humanities Club this past year.

From the start of school well into the summer the Club was involved in the construction of wooden toys and games which were to be sold during Belchertown's Christmas and Summer Crafts Fairs. The collection of eye glasses for the needy and food for our Thanksgiving Food baskets also met with great success.

Christmas Toys for Joy has always been a major project for the Club, but this year the Club distributed mittens, scarves and hats due to the combined efforts of the Hampshire Bank Mitten Tree project and of course the generosity of the people of Belchertown. Thirty one children enjoyed a warmer and happier Christmas this year.

Yet the majority of the Club's time was spent working on their environmental project "Save the Whales." This program saw displays, workshops and slide shows

being offered to the elementary school and community organizations as well as the Junior-Senior High School body.

As a result of the Club's efforts the high school as well as the club was awarded the President's Environmental Award of Excellence.

During the Club's "Ecology Week" contests were sponsored such as Ecology Poster Art and School Clean-Up Days. Both met with enthusiasm and success. "Making it together" lasted well into the summer with workshops on gravestone rubbing sponsored by the Club for both students and adults of Belchertown.

Athletics

Last year was a busy year in athletics at Belchertown Jr.-Sr. High School with nearly 200 scheduled games and contests. The boys and girls competed in the Bi-County League in field hockey, soccer, basketball, baseball and softball. Named to the league All-Star Teams in basketball were Beth Canedy, Robert Michalski, and Daniel Shelton.



The boys' varsity basketball team had another fine season and was selected to play in the Western Mass. Basketball Tournament in Division III.

The sports season ended with the annual Sports Banquet at Conti's 202. The following athletes received trophies as Most Valuable Player in their respective sports: Soccer, Ray Mitchell; Field Hockey, Brenda Whitlock; Basketball, Beth Canedy and Dan Shelton; Baseball, Ron Barnes; Softball, Sharon Allen; The Athletic Council Trophies were awarded to Beth Canedy and Ray Mitchell.

The Athletic Department would like to thank all those who supported athletics at the school and helped to make the season a success.

School Newspaper

The fall of 1977 brought together concerned students for the purpose of reviving the school newspaper. The publication staff consists of students from grades seven through twelve. The paper serves as

a vehicle for self expression. It provides a creative outlet for writers, artists, cartoonists and photographers. Further, it encourages student development of organizational skills, allows them to engage in investigative reporting, edit copy, and allows close contact with the community through an awareness of social issues.

Our first issue met with welcomed success. We are now finalizing our second issue. In this edition we plan to exchange articles with various local schools such as Pathfinder. This will provide Belchertown students with an awareness of activities that are taking place at other schools.

The staff has met and agreed upon a statement of policy and a code of ethics. They are aware of their responsibilities as spokespersons for the student body. The editors realize their rights to freedom of speech guaranteed under the First Amendment and will strive to uphold those rights with the use of proper discretion. Further, the staff continuously tries to be objective, fair, accurate, balanced and tasteful in their reporting efforts.

The staff, editors and advisors attended a conference at Holyoke Community College for local area High School newspaper staff members. The format of the conference was multi-faceted and allowed the students to pursue their individual interests. The conference served as a mini course in media. For example, the students could tap into the energies of such local talents as Barbara Pitoniak of Channel 22 News and Linda Matys of the Valley Advocate. In this way the editors saw themselves not only as spokespersons for BHS but also as members of a much larger world—the world of media.

Career Awareness

This course is offered through the Guidance Department by Mr. White. Career building, job seeking, job holding, and progression in employment assume important significance as matters of immediate interest to students. A large segment of this course is devoted to an exploration of the various occupational opportunities that should be considered in planning their educational goals. Since work comprises a large part of our lives, the exploring of suitable jobs with opportunity for use of interests, abilities, and talents as well as for worthwhile payment and satisfaction deserves considerable time and thought by our students.

Class of 1977

Very successful class trip was made in April to Cape Cod and Martha's Vineyard. Time was also spent in Plymouth visiting many of the historical sights there.

Senior class banquet was held at the Hotel Northampton in June.

Candy Cane Ball was held in December of 1976.

Student Council

Sponsored a trip to the Big E for all students. Student

Council Scholarship at graduation was awarded to Dan Shelton. Council members parked cars at the Belchertown Fair despite the bad weather and ran a student bookstore throughout the year. Also, assemblies and films were sponsored and put on for the benefit of the student body. This fall the council put on a monthly Faculty-Student Council Coffee so that problems of concern to both groups could be discussed. In December, a Christmas gift exchange between faculty members was organized.

Honor Activities

The tenth annual induction of members into the Aristos Chapter of the National Honor Society was held on Tuesday, April 12, 1977. Fifteen new members were inducted into the Society. The principal address was given by Mr. Joseph Giroux, a teacher in our Science Department.

Miss Mary-Alice Austin was Citizen of the Year for Belchertown Junior-Senior High School.

Miss Mary McNally won the Annual Betty Crocker Homemaker of the Year Award.

Jeffrey Gould was chosen to represent Belchertown Junior-Senior High School as the DAR Good Citizen for the year 1977.

Reading (Remedial)

Remedial reading is designed for the pupil who is not benefitting from the academic program due to insufficient basic skills in reading. Our goal is to improve these skills by giving instruction in small groups or to individuals. With this goal in mind, several additions have been incorporated in the remedial reading program for the 1977-1978 academic year.

A Title I aide was added to assist students in the junior high reading program. These students work on basic skills in small groups to improve their comprehension.

Two instructors from the Connecticut Valley Learning Disabilities Reading Clinic worked until December with individual students on high powered phonetic drills to improve the students' ability to decode words.

As in the past, other students in grades 7-12 are given small group instruction in the resource room. Phonetic analysis, structural analysis, improvement of reading comprehension, and reading for daily living are the basis of this program.

Guidance Department

January starts a new calendar year but for the Class of 1977, as well as all other students, the school year was well on its way. Many Seniors were hurrying to finish applications to colleges while others were still trying to secure part-time jobs in a very tight job market.

The Annual College Forum was held in January and well attended by past graduates who are attending various colleges. Their discussion provided some very factual information about college life and problems en-

countered at college and away from home.

Work continued on the self-evaluation process for both the Guidance Department and the entire school.

The Human Relations class for the 7th Graders taught by Mr. King and Mr. Waddell and the Career Awareness class for the 8th Graders taught by Mr. White were continued throughout the year.

The college bound students attended the College Fair at the Springfield Civic Center in April which saw nearly 500 college representatives in attendance. The Fair provides an opportunity for students to talk personally with as many reps as they can meet within the length of time we were there. The Fair also runs in the evening which allows parents to attend and gain some insight to colleges and financial aid.

June marked the end of one career and the beginning of a new career for the Class of 1977. A number of students were undecided at graduation about any post graduate plans. Many like to take the Summer off before making a definite decision.

CLASS STATISTICS:

- 38% went on to higher education
- 27% went on to full-time employment
- 4% went into the Armed Services
- 31% were undecided at graduation

Scholarships Awarded At Graduation:

Belchertown Teachers' Association-Mary-Jane Russell,
Lilian Wisniewski, Raymond Mitchell, Jeffrey Gould
Belchertown Lions Club-Carol Kajka, Mary MacNally
V.F.W. Ladies Auxiliary-Carol Kajka
V.F.W. Post 8428-Michael Rhodes
Student Action for Education-Paul Adzima, Raymond Mitchell, Michael Rhodes, Jeffrey Gould, Barbara Loftus, Mary-Jane Russell, Robin Felton, Dorina Gallerani
Holland Family Award-Robin Felton
Lt. Michael P. Austin Memorial Scholarship-Diane Noyes, James Couture
Steeple Memorial-Lilian Wisniewski
Student Council-Daniel Shelton
National Honor Society-Barbara Loftus
Louis A. Shumway Memorial-Paul Adzima
Walter L. Papp-Jeffrey Kay
Mary B. Judkins Memorial-Barbara Loftus
Robert Morey Memorial-Beth Canedy
Richard D. Pratt Memorial-Raymond Mitchell
American Legion Citizenship Award-Mary-Jane Russell, Jeffrey Gould

Graduates in Class of 1977

Valedictorian-Barbara Jane Loftus
Salutatorian-Mary-Jane Russell
Paul Joseph Adzima
Audrey Mae Alley
Ronald R. Barnes, Jr.
Lynn Marie Beaudoin
Tina Marie Bournique
Susan Lee Brin

Beth Ellen Canedy
 Debra Marie Chadbourne
 Lloyd Collis Chadbourne
 Glen R. Chartier
 Terry R. Chevalier
 Jane Ann Coache
 James Douglas Andrew Couture
 Robert W. Croke
 Carol Shirley Dorey
 Patricia Ann Dougherty
 Harold Richard Fay
 Karen Patricia Fay
 Robin Lee Felton
 Laura Lee Fitzgerald
 Mary Barbara Frangakis
 Dorina M. Gallerani
 Margo Jean Goodreau
 Jeffrey Lane Gould
 Kathleen Clara Groux
 Margaret Louise Hanson
 Deborah Marie Henrichon
 John F. Henry
 Daryl Stuart Herrick
 Diana June Hess
 Larry W. Hews
 Christine Lee Holt
 Elizabeth O'Brien Jackson
 Debra Ann Johnson
 Carol Jean Kajka
 Jeffrey Alan Kay
 Eileen Louise LaValle
 Cynthia Marie Lavigne
 Charles Stuart Lee
 Michael Eric Lofland
 Michael Francis Loftus
 Mary Theresa MacNally
 Raymond Leonard Mitchell
 John Brian Moreau
 Elaine Janice Morey Bramucci
 Diane Lucille Noyes
 Thomas Richard Nute
 Tula Illmann Arca Parro
 Thomas Pittsley
 Laurel Lee Place
 Kurt William Rauschmier
 Michael David Rhodes
 Douglas L. Robinson
 Arlene Marie Rock
 Irene Louise Savini
 Daniel Wesley Shelton
 Dianne Anne Slate
 Lynn Anne Slate
 Denice Christine Smith
 Paul Robert Socha
 Ellen K. Sussman
 Bruce A. Tolpa

Brad Trombley
 Laurie Ann Waite
 Janet Eileen Whitcomb
 Brenda Ann Whitlock
 Darlene Joyce Williams
 Lilian Taissa Wisniewski



Mr. King resigned during the Summer and Mr. Guiel replaced him as the Junior High Counselor. Mr. Guiel has acclimated himself well to the new job and has been well received by the staff and students.

As Chairman of the Evaluation Steering Committee I would like to take this time to thank everyone for their cooperation and hard work in completing the self-evaluation and final arrangements for the Visiting Committee who were here November 1-4, 1977. My special thanks to Mrs. Kubacki, Mrs. Mierzewski, Mr. Giroux and Mr. Hansbury who were the members of the Steering Committee.

The year ended with the Class of 1978 hosting the Annual Senior Reception on the last day of school prior to the Christmas Vacation. Several past graduates returning for the holidays from various colleges enjoyed coffee and refreshments while reminiscing about the past in Belchertown and the present in their respective colleges.

Parent Advisory Council

The purpose of the newly organized Parent Advisory Council of the Belchertown Jr. Sr. High School is to inform and educate parents about particular aspects of their children's education at the school. It serves as a channel of communication among parents, teachers and the school administrators. Meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month in the High School Library at 7:30 P.M. Members consist of the school administration and parent representatives from each grade level. All interested parents and teachers are welcome to contact the members of P.A.C. in matters of school interest.

The members are: Mrs. Anna Donovan, Mr. Kenneth Main, Mr. Donald Lacombe, Mrs. Patricia Antonovitch,

Mrs. Beatrice Joseph, Mrs. Gloria Adzima, Mrs. Jean Mellin, Mr. Michael Forgue, Mrs. Charlotte Moreau, Mr. Edward Parker, and Mrs. Bernetta Stalker.

School Costs

During the past year we have seen an escalation of costs in all areas of school budgeting. Many of our costs have increased far more than the government's announced inflation rate of 6.8% for the year.

Transportation for instance-overall school bus costs have increased about 50%. Classroom supplies, materials and books have increased approximately 25 to 29%. Our costs for maintenance have jumped about 50% while utilities increased in cost between January, 1977 and January, 1978 approximately 11%.

Chapter 766 which is a state mandated program for children with special needs has increased by about 5% for fiscal 1979. State reimbursement in this area is excellent but we must keep in mind that the funds for the 766 reimbursement are being taken from Chapter 70 (General School Aid) reimbursements.

A comparison of fiscal 76 and fiscal 77 would be as follows:

Program	Received FY 76	FY 77
Chap. 70 (School Aid)	\$523,769	\$462,296
Chap. 76 (Special Needs)	\$111,863	\$168,719

This year (FY 78) we have received as of December 30, 1977, in Chapter 70 aid approximately \$128,184.

and \$234,195 from Chapter 766. We will receive more Chapter 70 aid before the end of FY 78 (June 30, 1978) but the total amount is decreasing every year.

The Governor has promised more school aid for fiscal 1979 but we must remember that this is an election year.

Meanwhile, there is a great deal of discussion around town about building a new school to house our greatly increasing school population. However, we have not seen this big increase as yet. In fact, our total enrollment is down this year. We cannot justify the building of a school unless our enrollment shows evidence of a sharp increase. The School Department, however, firmly supports the acquisition of land for recreation and future school building.



School Financial Report

Our proposed School Budget for fiscal 1979 is as follows:

	Proposed FY 1978	Actual FY 1978	Proposed FY 1979
1000—Administration	\$ 43,653.	\$ 43,978.	\$ 46,540.
1000—Out of State Travel	200.	200.	200.
2000—Instruction	1,225,195.	1,308,183.	1,415,416.
2000—Out of State Travel	1,752.	1,752.	2,765.
3000—Other School Services	167,350.	167,550.	227,181.
4000—Operation & Maintenance	306,570.	242,624.	298,104.
7000—Fixed Assets	37,844.	18,094.	39,356.
9000—Programs w/Other Schools	42,860.	42,860.	50,714.
TOTALS	\$1,855,424	\$1,825,241.	\$2,080,276.

Respectfully submitted,
John B. Curry, Jr.
Superintendent of Schools

Report of the School Nurse

A health appraisal was performed on students in K, 4, 7 and 11th grade by our school physician, Dr. Kenneth Collard. Physicals were also administered to all involved in sports programs. Students were referred for diagnostic treatment and follow-up services.

The 6th grade students going to Camp Sargent received a check-up and a pre-school screening was conducted in June on 113 incoming children.

Screening tests for vision and hearing impairment were conducted on all students, with referrals to private physicians for positive findings sent home.

The School System Board of Health sponsored several clinics thru-out the year. A day long measles clinic was held in April to update all students immunized prior to 1966. Three hundred and fifty-five students were inoculated at that time. Clinics were held in April, June and September to vaccinate Belchertown residents against Diphtheria, Pertussis and Tetanus (DPT), Measles, Mumps and Rubella (german measles) and Polio. Tuberculosis detection clinics were held throughout the year for school employees and volunteers. A Flu vaccine clinic was held in October for Town Employees.

In October a Streptococcal detection program, in conjunction with the American Heart Association, was begun in the Elementary Schools. With parental permission, 249 throat swabs were taken from children reporting to me with suspicious sore throats. This is a preventive measure-streptococcal infection can be the

forerunner of rheumatic fever. Rheumatic fever and Rheumatic Heart Disease cause more long term disabling illnesses in children than any other disease.

Some of my activities include weighing and measuring all students, sporadic pediculosis head checks, participating in core evaluations, doing home assessments and ascertain continuity of medical care to handicapped students. I work in each school daily, appraising illnesses, counseling students, parents and staff and providing emergency care.

Respectfully submitted,
Virginia Ayers, RN
School Nurse



Pathfinder Regional Vocational-Technical High School Report

The Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District Committee, under the chairmanship of David A. Staples of Belchertown is pleased to present the following report to the citizens of the four town district of Belchertown, Monson, New Braintree, and Palmer covering the 1977 calendar year. Other members of the committee during this period included Vice-Chairman Floyd Romanik, Jr. and Treasurer Michael Cavanaugh from Palmer, Secretary Marceline B. Matrow of Monson, and Russell O. Dean of New Braintree.

Curriculum and Enrollments

Pathfinder now offers eleven vocational programs: agribusiness, automotive repair, carpentry, clothing, cosmetology, culinary arts, drafting, electricity, electronics, health services, and machine shop. Ten programs are presently fully approved by the Massachusetts Department of Education and the newly instituted program in electronics-which is operated

jointly with and housed in the South Hadley Public Schools-is expected to receive formal approval during the present academic year. In addition, the school operates a satellite culinary arts facility in South Hadley in cooperation with the Hampshire Educational Collaborative.

Work experience continues to highlight the Pathfinder curriculum. Students in every shop area have the opportunity to put their skills into practice through town projects, learning experiences on projects done for citizens of the district, public and civic functions and ceremonies, and in local business, industry and health care facilities. During the past year the carpentry and electrical students completed their first house building project in Palmer and have begun a second in what will become an annual undertaking. In addition, a program of cooperative education-alternating periods of paid employment and schooling-was begun and presently includes ten students. This

program is expected to expand as more students become eligible and find jobs and a director is employed.

An activity unique among vocational schools in Massachusetts was the development and operation of a maple sugaring operation by students in agribusiness. Through the very kind cooperation of a local family, the students were able to gain access to necessary facilities and equipment and through this experience not only added to their knowledge and skills in the field of New England agriculture, but were exposed to the elements of small business and entrepreneurship as well.

In response to the requirements of Chapter 622 which deals with non-discrimination in school programs and activities, Pathfinder appointed a coordinator to oversee compliance with the regulations and to conduct an extensive review of admissions criteria, textbooks and curriculum, activities, and other policies. Working with Acting Director of Guidance Angela L. Bergeron, the school committee developed and submitted a comprehensive plan for implementing the Chapter 622 regulations in our admissions policy and in our planning process for the next few years. Pathfinder's program was among the first compliance plans in the Commonwealth for a vocational school to be approved by the Department of Education. Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 has also come into being on the federal level and Pathfinder completed a self-evaluation using those regulations as well.

Pathfinder's entire curriculum will come under the scrutiny of the Department of Education's comprehensive review process this year, and the school has been selected as a pilot site for the development of a thorough evaluation process for vocational programs, special needs, compliance with equal educational opportunity, and student records. To facilitate this process-which is critical to the future of the school-the faculty has begun a self-initiated study of these areas in preparation for the review teams' visit in May. This self-study is under the direction of Dr. John F. Nevins of Westfield State College and is utilizing materials developed for this purpose by the Colorado Department of Education. Success in this evaluation will be a necessary prerequisite to continued financial support by the Commonwealth under the provisions of legislation which gives preferential funding to vocational programs.

Another critical activity in the upcoming evaluation process is the development and refinement of curriculum and courses of study. All teachers-vocational and academic-have been busy analyzing what presently exists in their respective departments and attempting to update, fill in gaps, and add material where necessary.

Pathfinder's evening adult education program was

reconstituted as a result of the community interest survey conducted during the spring of 1977. The administration surveyed comparable programs in schools throughout the state and benefited from this exchange of information. In addition, data from the interest survey were analyzed to determine courses most relevant to the Pathfinder district.

The survey reflected a great interest in the evening practical arts type courses which meet one night per week. As a result, the school committee approved the offering of 15 such courses as follows:

Cake Decorating	Blueprint Reading
Creative Stitchery	Basic Accounting
Home Appliance Repair	Basic Electricity for the Home
Houseplants	Dressmaking
Macrame	Oil Burner Repair
Slipcovers and Draperies	Slimnastics
Typing	Small Engine Repair
	Woodworking

The number of evening trade preparatory offerings was reduced to three: automotive repair, culinary arts, and machine shop. The high school equivalency program was retained.

A review of attendance figures reveals a significantly improved level of interest from the 565 persons enrolled in the fall term.

Enrollment data as of October 1, 1977 included, by town: Belchertown 63; Monson 123; New Braintree 16; and Palmer 201. By vocational area, the students' selections are as follows:

Shop	Grade					Total
	9	11	10	12	PG	
Agribusiness	16	11	13	12	0	52
Automotive	15	13	10	12	0	50
Carpentry	16	13	15	11	0	55
Clothing	7	7	10	6	0	30
Cosmetology	0	12	0	6	1	19
Culinary Arts	12	11	14	10	0	47
Drafting	13	4	6	11	0	34
Electricity	17	17	8	10	0	52
Health	5	4	8	4	0	21
Machine Shop	16	9	13	14	0	52
Electronics	0	0	5	4	0	9
Total	117	101	102	100	1	421

Faculty and Staff

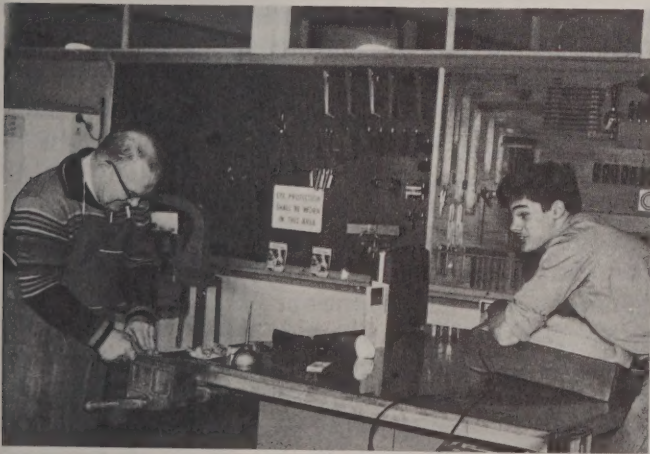
The professional teaching staff at Pathfinder included 43 persons at the beginning of the 1977-78 school year. No additional positions were added, although seven teachers were new to the staff. The guidance staff was increased by an additional one-half time counselor whose duties included admissions, career awareness programs in cooperation with sending schools, and specialized counseling services. The administration staff remained unchanged and included the superintendent-director and assistant, ad-

ministrative assistant, director of guidance, and coordinator of special needs.

Of particular note is the fact that all professional staff members at the school continue to be approved in their positions by the Department of Education's Division of Occupational Education.

Pupil Services and Special Needs

During the 1976-77 school year, a pilot effort in career awareness was initiated in one of the district schools—Belchertown High School. Pathfinder counselors conducted classes at the local high school discussing career opportunities in general and the vocational offerings at Pathfinder in particular. Regular visits to Pathfinder by groups of students featured tours, activities in the shops, a slide presentation about life at the school, and luncheon. This particular effort was initiated in order to make more information about Pathfinder readily available to the students in Belchertown, and because of the success of the program, it will be expanded to include the other schools in the district. Teachers from Belchertown High School were also involved in an in-service workshop at Pathfinder in realization of the necessity to have their assistance in advising students of career related issues.



Ninety-two students were graduated in June, 1977. Forty-seven percent were placed directly in the field for which they were trained; twenty percent in a related field or work situation. Twelve percent enrolled in programs of higher education, four percent in the military, and seventeen percent in other pursuits. These data were collected in June immediately after graduation, and an update of these figures will be made in the winter.

The first senior to be enrolled in the accelerated placement program at Springfield Technical Community College graduated from Pathfinder and completed the first year program in electronics at the college. Simultaneously, a second student has enrolled in the

same program during the present school year. Other placements included Johnson and Wales College and the Stockbridge School of Agriculture, both highly regarded in their respective fields.

In the area of special needs, Pathfinder provided programs for twenty-eight students, including eleven new freshmen who were admitted in September, 1977.

Among new services offered was the addition of a diagnostic prescriptive teacher in the shop areas to work with both students and teachers in special learning situations during the school day.

During the year, staff from Pathfinder participated in a variety of in-service programs aimed at sensitizing instructors to the vocational and social needs of the handicapped. A college credit course was developed in conjunction with Westfield State College entitled "Occupational Programs for Students with Special Needs." The course, held at Pathfinder in the late afternoon, was attended by 24 academic and vocational instructors.

During the spring semester, six vocational instructors were selected to participate in an intensive fifteen credit program designed to train vocational personnel to work more effectively with youngsters with a variety of special needs. Additionally, a summer workshop was developed by the Pathfinder administration and attended by eighteen instructors. For three weeks, an intensive effort toward curriculum development and program modification for the special needs learner was held.

The highly successful Project GROW was funded again for \$165,000 and provided a program for students from Belchertown State School and Monson State Hospital as well as six youngsters from Pathfinder's own district. This program continues to be exemplary in nature for vocational schools around the country and was honored at the National Conference of the Council for Exceptional Children in Atlanta in April, 1977.

Fiscal Affairs

Pathfinder's approved operating and maintenance budget for Fiscal Year 1978 was \$1,090,500.00, a sum which did not include negotiated raises for the 1977-78 school year or \$15,000 in various supplies and materials purchased out of overhead monies from federal programs. The School Committee was able to apply \$120,000 in surplus revenue to reduce this amount. In addition, the following reimbursements were anticipated: Chapter 74—\$322,756; Transportation—\$52,480; Chapter 71B (Special Needs)—\$16,650. Overhead monies from the role of fiscal agent for a number of externally funded projects accounted for a further reduction of \$20,000.00.

The net operating and maintenance budget was therefore \$531,886 which, along with evening school costs of \$24,850 and a capital budget of \$132,491, ac-

counted for the following assessments to the member towns: Belchertown \$119,312.65; Monson \$195,931.84; New Braintree \$28,134.84; and Palmer \$372,515.67.

These figures do not include the regional school aid which to date during FY 1978 has amounted to a total of \$136,520.00. The School Committee will use this amount to further reduce the town assessments, and this factor will be reflected in the third and fourth quarterly payments as in previous years.

Unfortunately, however, the School Committee must anticipate significant reductions in these reimbursements in the immediate future. For example, during FY 1978, the Chapter 74 return is expected to be only 71% of entitlement, transportation 60%, and special needs 60%. Furthermore, the degree of uncertainty accompanying the manner in which the present legislative efforts toward school finance reform will impact regional vocational school district does not allow for either optimism or pessimism.

Pathfinder continued to benefit from externally funded and government sponsored programs. As noted above, the Department of Education contracted with Pathfinder to maintain Project GROW for \$165,000. In addition, the school district continued to act as fiscal agent for over one million dollars in federal and state monies for various projects sponsored by the Department of Education around the state. For the first time ever, Pathfinder pursued some \$8500 in ESEA Title I monies to enable us to expand tutorial and support services to disadvantaged students. An award of \$750 went toward the improvement of library resources, and a new grant of \$17,000 will cover the costs of the cooperative education program for calendar year 1978.

For residents of Hampden County, Pathfinder received a grant of \$61,000 to provide on-the-job training in school related positions for eligible adults. This award was made possible through the CETA, Title VI, STEPS Program. Effective utilization was made of the state surplus property program and the Defense Industrial Reserve Equipment Loan Program to procure occasional pieces of equipment to supplement our shop programs. And finally, the two year effort to computerize the inventory control was completed.

Community Relations

Two meetings were held with advisory committees during the year, and the number of representatives from local business and industry to serve in that capacity rose to 138. Highlighting the more striking relationships with the local business group were the generous donation of a 1977 Datsun automobile for training purposes—complete with manuals and equipment—by Jerry Rome Datsun of Holyoke, and the

presentation of a solar energy demonstration unit and panels by Massachusetts Electric Company.

The popular lunch program for the senior citizens was maintained and expanded to include an eight week summer component. So successful has this activity been that attendance frequently reaches 175.

Parents and townspeople also responded to the Scholarship Whist Party held in the spring and to the elaborate awards night program which attracted 800 guests.

Future Plans

During the spring of 1977, the School Committee contracted for a professionally done survey of employment trends and opportunities in the greater Springfield area and the Pathfinder region in particular. Based upon the results of this survey, the Committee verified the need for the vocational programs presently being offered as well as the potential of perhaps four or five additional programs. At the same time, the Committee has been sensitive to the State Board of Education priority of providing access to occupational education programs for students and towns who are now without them.

To address both of these concerns simultaneously, the Committee has identified certain objectives for the next few years which will increase the choices available to students in the district as well as possibly offering vocational programs to additional towns. During the summer and fall, all towns previously in the Pathfinder region were encouraged to appoint planning committees to study the issue of how best to deliver occupational education services to those towns specifically.

At the present time the Towns of Ware, Warren, West Brookfield, North Brookfield, Hardwick, and Oakham have authorized the appointment of these committees, and several meetings have been held at Pathfinder to explore the options which might be available. Expansion of the Pathfinder district may be one possibility, but the direction chosen by the planning committee will not be finalized for some time yet. It is important to emphasize, however, that the overall goal of making more choices available to students living in the four present Pathfinder towns is utmost in the committee's thinking at this point. These plans are strongly supported by personnel from the State Department of Education.

Respectfully submitted,
David A. Staples, Representative
Town of Belchertown
Gerald L. Paist
Superintendent-Director

Parks, Beach and Recreation Report

Recreation in Belchertown is an important element contributing to the happiness and well being of its citizens. In times of unemployment, high prices and restricted travel budgets, recreation and recreational facilities provide a real outlet for expression. Families can enjoy their leisure time by attending one of the many recreational programs offered by the Recreation Department without having to travel a great distance. The use of leisure time is important to individuals and families for it brings happiness, achievement and contentment to those who participate. The value of recreation is in the doing, and Belchertown is trying to offer resources, facilities and programs that give all of us a wide selection from which to choose.

The over-all objective of the Department is to offer a wide variety of programs for all ages that meets the recreational needs of the community. In this report we shall list many of the Department's programs and will indicate the highlights of the 1977/78 recreation year.

Belchertown was fortunate in having secured the services of Dardanelle Hawkins through the CETA program. Since she joined the Department in March of 1977, she has done an excellent job in helping to develop a wide range of programs for the community.

Before listing the various programs that the Department offered during the past year, we'd like to comment on a few other important areas. The Maintenance Department through the efforts of Joe Chunglo and Jim Towne did an exceptional job in maintaining the Town Beach, The Old Town Hall, Parsons Field and the High School baseball diamond.

Recreation departments have a mandate to offer programs that meet the leisure needs of all ages, including the handicapped in the community. We feel that with the increase in our staff we are able to do a good job in fulfilling this mandate. Our most important product is programming and following is a list of the programs we offered to you, this year. Little League Baseball, Babe Ruth, Instructional Baseball, Instructional Basketball, Instructional Soccer, Instructional Floor Hockey, Shuffleboard, Volleyball, Adult Basketball, Adult Softball, High School Basketball, Hot Shot Competition, Table Games, Drama Group, Arts & Crafts, Pottery, Instructional Swimming, Bus Trips to plays, the Ice Capades, etc. We were also able to offer special programs by the Extension Service and guitar lessons and Karate lessons which were extremely popular. Some of the new programs we will be offering soon are: Summer Playground, Flag Football, Women's Self-Defense, Cross Country Skiing, Gymnastics, Archery, Creative Dancing, Exercise and Relaxation, Ice Hockey, Winter Swim Team and over night camping.

The coming year will also see the further expansion of programs. There will be a team added to both the

Jungle and Junior Leagues in the baseball program. Because of the popularity of the Swimming Program and the Arts & Crafts Program, classes will be added to fill the needs of the community.

With the cooperation of the schools and some interested Belchertown citizens, a new baseball diamond will be built at the back of Cold Spring School.

For the publicizing of these programs, we have a monthly newsletter and a weekly column in the local newspaper. Posters are put up at various locations throughout the Town. Flyers are distributed through all the schools.

All the facilities operated by the Belchertown Parks, Beach and Recreation Department were used to their full potential. The Town Beach continues to be used quite regularly in the summer. The Old Town Hall is scheduled every day and evening in the fall, winter and spring with increased use in the summer.

Parsons Field continues to be used to its full potential in May, June and the first of July with increased use the rest of the summer and fall.

The Recreation Department is also scheduling the High School baseball field and soccer field most of the summer and early fall for various programs.

We have used many of the school's facilities such as classrooms to implement many of our other programs.

The Recreation Department is pleased to work with all existing agencies and volunteers in the community and appreciates the cooperation and support received.

Respectfully submitted,

Arthur Knapp, Recreation Director

Recreation Commission:

Michael Forgue, Chairman

Jay Evans

June Smith

Sue Reece, Secretary

Patricia Burton



Cemetery Commission Report

In 1977 there were twenty five (25) burials.

A large section of South Cemetery Annex has been plowed under, seeded with winter rye grass and will be turned under and planted with buckwheat come spring. We hope by doing this that the soil will be built up enough to grow grass without the expense of hauling in large amounts of loam. This in turn will save the Town money when this land is developed into lots.

A stone wall has been set along Jensen Road, at South Cemetery, and the old wire fence, trees and brush have been removed.

The old vault at Mount Hope was sealed in the spring

as it is no longer used by the Town. The Department was also afraid because of its unsafe condition that it could be a danger to anyone that entered it.

The following was turned back to the Town:

Burials-\$2025.00

Sale of Lots-\$1900.00

Returned to Town-\$3925.00

Respectfully submitted,
Belchertown Cemetery Department
Sidney T. Wheble, Chairman
Paul C. Cook
Daniel MacPhee

1977 Jury Service List

Name	Address	Date Drawn	Jury Service
(Following jurors drawn from 1976-1977 List)			
Towne, Priscilla L.	181 Jabish St.	January 10, 1977	Traverse Juror
Burke, Raymond V.	90 Old Enfield Rd.	January 10, 1977	Traverse Juror
Perham, Rose M.	20 Springfield Rd.	January 24, 1977	Traverse Juror
Rege, Marjorie L.	11 Town Beach Rd.	January 24, 1977	Traverse Juror
Noyes, Herbert L.	134 South Street	January 24, 1977	Traverse Juror
Archambault, Marcel F.	491 State Street	February 23, 1977	Traverse Juror
Conkey, John H.	621 Daniel Shays Highway	February 23, 1977	Traverse Juror
Rhodes, Kenneth W.	90 Alden Street	February 23, 1977	Traverse Juror
Chadbourn, Joseph R.	24 Lloyd Avenue	April 19, 1977	Traverse Juror
Cormier, Steven E.	109 Poole Road	April 19, 1977	Traverse Juror
Dunbar, Doris	66 Chadbourne St.	April 19, 1977	Traverse Juror
(Following jurors drawn from 1977-1978 List)			
Loftus, Kathleen	21 Springfield Road	August 1, 1977	Traverse Juror
Plowucha, Richard J.	45 North Main Street	August 1, 1977	Traverse Juror
Snow, Darsa M.	10 Lamson Avenue	August 1, 1977	Traverse Juror
Besse, John R. Jr.	117 Daniel Shays Highway	August 29, 1977	Traverse Juror
Gavin, Kelvin L.	26 Woodhaven Drive	August 29, 1977	Traverse Juror
Hebert, Arthur H.	1120 Federal Street	August 29, 1977	Traverse
Henneman, June S.	161 Turkey Hill Rd.	September 26, 1977	Traverse Juror
Hulmes, Jean N.	8 Jabish Street	September 26, 1977	Traverse Juror
Magee, Douglas K.	241 Franklin Street	September 26, 1977	Traverse Juror
Atwood, Alfred P.	141 State Street	October 24, 1977	Traverse Juror
Cary, William M., Jr.	31 Channel Drive	October 24, 1977	Traverse Juror
Vosburgh, William F.	601 North Liberty St.	October 24, 1977	Traverse Juror
Ayers, Charles E.	570 Amherst Road	December 27, 1977	Traverse Juror
Hulmes, Kathleen	9 Everett Avenue	December 27, 1977	Traverse Juror
Kerin, Dorothy M.	85 Channel Drive	December 27, 1977	Traverse Juror
Carr, John C.	Underwood Street	December 27, 1977	Traverse Juror
Hodge, Brenda E.	55 Chadbourne Road	December 27, 1977	Traverse Juror
McCarthy, Mildred	245 Allen Road	December 27, 1977	Traverse Juror
White, Nancy	101 Mill Valley Road	December 27, 1977	Traverse Juror

Town Meetings and Election Results

ACTION TAKEN AT THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING held February 22, 1977

Moderator—Joseph R. White

Registered voters present—38 (Quorum required—25)

Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m.

The Clerk read the Return of the Warrant.

ARTICLE I. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$20,000.00 to the Snow Removal Account.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE II. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$48.71 to pay the following bills incurred in prior years:

Elder Lumber Corporation	\$40.45
Belchertown Sentinel	8.26

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE III. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$100.00 to the Group Insurance-Town Appropriation Account.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE IV. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$10,400.00 to the Blue Cross-Blue Shield-Town Appropriation Account.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Voted to dissolve this meeting at 7:37 p.m.

Attest:

Carl J. Peterson, Jr.

Town Clerk



ACTION TAKEN AT THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING held April 4, 1977—Fiscal 1977

Moderator—Joseph R. White

Registered voters present—152 (Quorum required—25)

Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m.

The Clerk read the Return of the Warrant.

ARTICLE I. Voted to appropriate from the Assessors' Legal Account the sum of \$1,000.00 to the Assessors' Wage Account.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE II. Voted to appropriate from the Assessors' Legal Account the sum of \$800.00 to the Assessors' Expense Account.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE III. Voted to appropriate from Public Law No. 92-512, Federal Revenue Sharing, Entitlement Period 6, the sum of \$192.61 to install a fire hydrant on South Main Street.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE IV. Voted to appropriate from Public Law No. 92-512, Federal Revenue Sharing, Entitlement Period 7, the sum of \$10,000.00 to install a drainage system on a section of Bay Road.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Voted to dissolve this meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Attest:

Carl J. Peterson, Jr.

Town Clerk

ACTION TAKEN AT THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING held April 4, 1977

Moderator—Joseph R. White

Registered voters present—196 (Quorum required—25)

Meeting called to order at 8:00 p.m.

The Clerk read the Return of the Warrant.

The American Flag was escorted to the stage by a group of Cub Scouts, who also led the Pledge of Allegiance, which was followed by the playing of the Star Spangled Banner by the Belchertown Jr. Sr. High School Band under the direction of Mr. Lee Corneille.

Invocation was given by Rev. Cyril Burns.

ARTICLE I. Nominated and elected Mrs. Janet L. Wood and Mrs. Virginia M. Hislop as Almoners of the Whiting Street and the Mrs. Susan M.D. Bridgman Funds, each for one year; and Kenneth H. Snow as Trustee of the Calvin Bridgman (rescinded—see S.T.M. 6/13/77 Art. 1 and 2) Fund for three years, and Mary M. Locke as Trustee of the Calvin Bridgman Fund for one year.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE II. Voted to accept the reports of the officers of the Town and any committee that may have been appointed by the Town with the exception of the Finance Committee.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE III. Voted to appropriate to the Clapp Memorial Library Expense Account the sum of

\$1,376.99, the dog license refunds of 1976.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE IV. Voted to authorize the Assessors, the Cemetery Commissioners, the Sewer Commissioners and the Tree Warden to appoint themselves to work in their various departments for the ensuing fiscal year, at hourly rates not exceeding the following:

Assessors	\$4.00
Cemetery Commissioners	4.00
Sewer Commissioners	4.00
Tree Warden	4.00

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE V. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$30,000.00 for improvements of the following streets, all public ways:

Summit Street	Johnson Road
Ludlow Road	Jensen Road
Gulf Road	Allen Road
Sabin Street	Blue Meadow Road
Juckett Hill Road	Green Avenue
Warren Wright Street	Metacomet Street

pending reimbursement from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts under the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 497, Acts of 1971.

(Vote—Majority Yes)

ARTICLE VI. Voted to appropriate from Public Law No. 92-512 (Federal Revenue Sharing) Entitlement Period 6, the sum of \$20,000.00 for materials for the Maintenance and Improvement of secondary streets.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE VII. Voted to appropriate the sum of \$56,808.00 for Chapter 90 (765, Acts of 1972), Highway Construction, and to meet said appropriation authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow said sum under the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 6A, pending reimbursement from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts under the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 497, Acts of 1971.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE VIII. Voted to appropriate from Public Law No. 92-512 (Federal Revenue Sharing) Entitlement Period 6, the sum of \$4,970.00 to purchase and equip a new sander for the Highway Department.

(Vote—Majority Yes)

ARTICLE IX. Voted to appropriate from Public Law No. 92-512 (Federal Revenue Sharing) Entitlement Period 6, the sum of \$15,941.65 to purchase and equip a dump truck for the Highway Department.

(Vote—Majority Yes)

ARTICLE X. Voted to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning July 1, 1977, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable

within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE XI. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$400.00 to the Conservation Fund for the use of the Conservation Commission.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE XII. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$100.00 to be used by the Assessors for legal counsel in resolving court tax cases.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE XIII. Voted to appropriate from the State Aid to Libraries Account the sum of \$2,226.00 to the Clapp Memorial Library Expense Account.

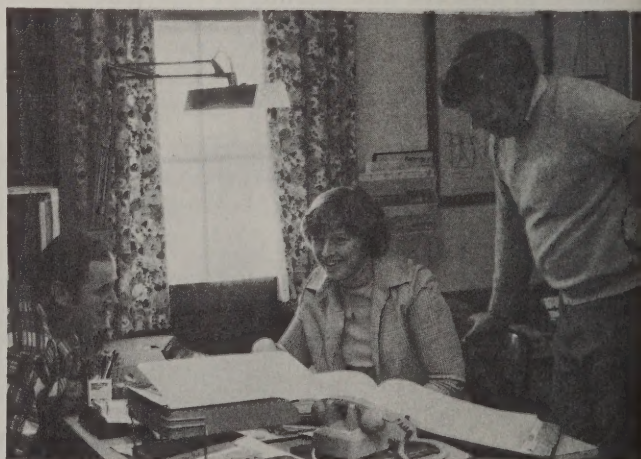
(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE XIV. Voted to appropriate from the Reserve Fund-Overlay Surplus Account the sum of \$7,357.81 to the Reserve Fund for the use of the Finance Committee.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE XV. Voted to appropriate from Public Law No. 92-512 (Federal Revenue Sharing) Entitlement Period 6, the sum of \$3,000.00 to extend the south end of the Town Common.

(Vote—Majority Yes)



ARTICLE XVI. Voted to appropriate from Public Law No. 92-512 (Federal Revenue Sharing) Entitlement Period 6, the sum of \$6,000.00 to purchase and equip a new police cruiser.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE XVII. Voted to appropriate from Public Law No. 92-512 (Federal Revenue Sharing) Entitlement Period 6, the sum of \$8,000.00 to construct a parking area at the Cold Spring School on land acquired from Eleanor S. Bartlett.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE XVIII. On the Article—To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds in the



treasury a sum of money to be used by the Assessors to reduce the tax rate, or take any action relative thereto, **it was voted to take no action on this article.**

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE XIX. Voted to appropriate from the Sale of Cemetery Lots Account the sum of \$1,315.00 to the Cemetery Commissioners Expense Account.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE XX. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$119,312.65 to pay the Town's apportioned share of the capital budget, the operating and maintenance budget, and the evening school budget of the Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE XXI. Voted to increase the limit on the proportion of the costs and expenses of the Lower Pioneer Valley Regional Planning District set by the Town under Article IV of the Special Town Meeting held on July 28, 1969 from twelve (\$.12) cents per capita based on the 1970 Federal Census with the exception of the residents of the Belchertown State School to fifteen (\$.15) cents per capita based on the most recent Federal Census with the exception of the residents of the Belchertown State School, all under the provisions of Section 7, Chapter 40B of the General Laws.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

(The original motion was amended to include the phrase "with the exception of the residents of the Belchertown State School" to be included following the two appearances of the words 'Federal Census'.

(Vote on amendment—Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE XXII. Voted to appropriate from Public Law No. 92-512 (Federal Revenue Sharing) Entitlement Period 7, the sum of \$30,000.00 to be added to funds previously voted at the Annual Town Meeting held on April 5, 1976, Article XXIII, to construct a building at the rear of the Junior-Senior High School to house the Junior-Senior High School Band.

(Vote—Majority Yes)

(During a discussion on this article, a motion to move

the previous question was passed by a substantial majority.)

ARTICLE XXIII. Voted to appropriate from Public Law No. 94-369 (Public Works Act Title II) the sum of \$10,975.05 to the Maintenance/Man/Groundskeeper Wage Account.

(Vote—Majority Yes)

ARTICLE XXIV. Voted to appropriate from Public Law No. 94-369 (Public Works Act Title II) the sum of \$4,634.00 to the Council on Aging Wage Account.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE XXV. Voted to appropriate from Public Law No. 94-369 (Public Works Act Title II) the sum of \$948.95 to the Police Department Part-time Wage Account.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE XXVI. (On each item in the Article, a separate motion was made, seconded and voted upon.)

a) Voted to appropriate from Public Law No. 92-512 (Federal Revenue Sharing) Entitlement Period 7, the sum of \$150.00 for a File for Cemetery Commissioners.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

b) Voted to appropriate from P.L. No. 92-512 (F.R.S.) Entitlement Period 7, the sum of \$653.00 for a typewriter for the Assessors.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

c) On the motion—to appropriate from P.L. No. 92-512 (F.R.S.) Entitlement Period 7 the sum of \$1,900.00 for Insulation for Lawrence Memorial Hall, **the vote was majority no.** The motion did not carry.

(Vote—Majority No)

d) Voted to appropriate from P.L. No. 92-512 (F.R.S.) Entitlement Period 7, the sum of \$625.00 for a photostat machine for the Police Department.

(Vote—Majority Yes)

e) Voted to appropriate from P.L. No. 92-512 (F.R.S.) Entitlement Period 5, the sum of \$1,225.00 for hose for the Fire Department.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

f) Voted to appropriate from P.L. No. 92-512 (F.R.S.) Entitlement Period 7, the sum of \$2,100.00 for uniforms and equipment for the Fire Department.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

g) Voted to appropriate from P.L. No. 92-512 (F.R.S.) Entitlement Period 6, the sum of \$200.00 for traps, catchers, muzzles and leashes for the Dog Officer.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

(The original motion was amended to include also muzzles and leashes. Vote on the amendment—Unanimous Yes)

h) Voted to appropriate from P.L. No. 92-512 (F.R.S.) Entitlement Period 7, the sum of \$275.00 for a print file cabinet for the Building Inspector.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

i) Voted to appropriate from P.L. No. 92-512 (F.R.S.) Entitlement Period 6, the sum of \$600.00 for shelter

reconstruction for the Sanitary Landfill Area.

(Vote—Majority Yes)

j) Voted to appropriate from P.L. No. 92-512 (F.R.S.) Entitlement Period 7, the sum of \$150.00 for tables for Parks, Beach and Recreation.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

k) Voted to appropriate from P.L. No. 92-512 (F.R.S.) Entitlement Period 5, the sum of \$500.00 for stereo and records for Parks, Beach and Recreation.

(Vote—Majority Yes)

l) Voted to appropriate from P.L. No. 92-512 (F.R.S.) Entitlement Period 5, the sum of \$75.00 for a locker for Parks, Beach and Recreation.

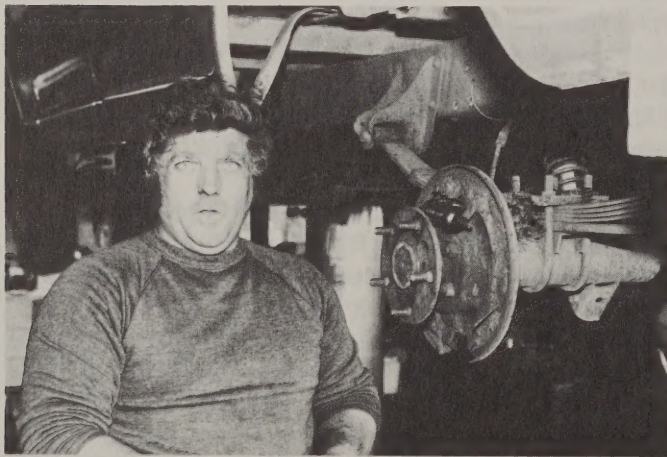
(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

m) Voted to appropriate from P.L. No. 92-512 (F.R.S.) Entitlement Period 6, the sum of \$1,200.00 for improvements and program expansion at Old Town Hall.

(Vote—Majority Yes)

n) Voted to appropriate from P.L. No. 92-512 (F.R.S.) Entitlement Period 7, the sum of \$5,000.00 for a storage building for the School Department.

(Vote—Majority Yes)



(In conjunction with this article, the Moderator asked for a show of hands—Vote—Majority Yes (Show of hands vote—60 Yes; 43 No)

o) Voted to appropriate from P.L. No. 92-512 (F.R.S.) Entitlement Period 7, the sum of \$4,000.00 for a fire alarm system (Memorial) for the School Department.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

p) On the motion—To appropriate from P.L. No. 92-512 (F.R.S.) Entitlement Period 7 the sum of \$2,500.00 for a parking area at Lawrence Memorial Hall, **the vote was majority no.** The motion did not carry.

(Following the initial vote which was a majority no, a motion to reconsider prevailed by a show of hands vote—68 to 25. Following this, the vote on the original motion was majority no.)

q) Voted to appropriate from P.L. No. 92-512 (F.R.S.) Entitlement Period 7, the sum of \$350.00 for a file

cabinet for the Tax and Town Collector.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

r) Voted to appropriate from P.L. No. 92-512 (F.R.S.) Entitlement Period 7, the sum of \$1,500.00 for a record file system for the Police Department.

(Vote—Majority Yes)

ARTICLE XXVII. Voted to accept the following resolution:

WHEREAS: Uncertainties about the sum of money allocated by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in the various categories of local aid makes sound financial planning impossible for local officials;

AND WHEREAS: Local aid is in many cases partial state funding of state mandated programs imposed without the consent of local officials;

AND WHEREAS: Local real estate taxes have been impacted to the breaking point by such mandated programs . . .

NOW THEREFORE: Be it resolved by the Belchertown Annual Town Meeting that our elected state representatives and senators be urged to support an increase in the amount of local aid funding for fiscal 1978 at least sufficient to cover the increased costs of state mandated programs and inflation.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE XXVIII. Voted to accept the following resolution:

WHEREAS: State mandated programs are unfunded by the state represent in most cases continued erosion of home rule;

AND WHEREAS: State mandated programs make little allowance for the individuality of local governments;

AND WHEREAS: Such programs present an increasingly onerous burden on local budgets and on the property tax . . .

NOW THEREFORE: Be it resolved by the Belchertown Annual Town Meeting that our elected state representatives and senators be urged to work against the passage of all legislation imposing additional costs on local governments.

(Vote—Majority Yes)

ARTICLE XXIX. Voted to amend the Town By-Laws by adding the following section:

Article 10, Section 3. It shall be unlawful for any person to possess, consume from and/or transport an open container of alcoholic beverages on any public street, public sidewalk or public way, or on any grounds owned by the Town within the limits of the Town; except that this section shall not apply at events or festivals duly licensed by the Board of License Commissioners of the Town and approved in writing by the Board, Commission, department or official of the Town having the care and custody of the premises so licensed, to the extent of such license and approval.

(Vote—Majority Yes)

ARTICLE XXX. Voted that the Town amend the Town

of Belchertown Massachusetts Personnel By-Law of July 1, 1976, as follows:

1. To amend Section 6B (3) by adding the following sentence to the end of the first paragraph:

"All regular full time employees shall be paid for working, or given compensatory time off, for a total of 11-1/2 holidays per year."

2. To amend Section 6B (6) by deleting in its entirety the sentence in said paragraph which begins:

"Immediate family. . ." and ends "household of the employee" and inserting in place thereof, the following:

"Immediate family shall include mother, father, spouse, grandmother, grandfather, child, sister, brother, mother-in-law, father-in-law, or a family member residing in the household of the employee."

3. To amend Section 6B (7) by deleting in its entirety the last sentence of said Section which reads as follows:

"Such personal leave days shall be charged against accrued sick leave."

4. To amend the COMPENSATION PLAN, the last paragraph thereof as appears on Page 9 of said Personnel By-Law by deleting in its entirety the words "full time" so that said paragraph reads as follows:

"For all other employees who work less than forty (40) hours per week, divide the weekly salary by forty (40) and multiply by the hours actually worked."

5. By adding and/or deleting or modifying from Category and Position and to Classification and Pay Level, the following:

1. To A—Police: The position of "SARGEANT" with the corresponding pay level of "9".

2. To C—Administrative or Professional, by changing the pay level of Highway Superintendent from "10" to "11".

3. To D—Administrative Support, by adding a) the position of "Council on Aging Aides" with a corresponding pay level of "5". b) "Recreational Aide" with corresponding pay level "4". c) "Council on Aging Auxiliary" with corresponding pay level "2". d) "Assistant Assessor" with corresponding pay level "7".

4. To F—"Maintenance", "Chief Maintenance" with a corresponding pay level "8".

6. To amend the COMPENSATION PLAN as appears on Page 9 of the Personnel By-Law dated July 1, 1976, by deleting in its entirety under Section B PART-TIME EMPLOYEES, hourly schedule the following:

"Council on Aging Aides. . . \$3.50."

7. To further amend the COMPENSATION PLAN as appears on Page 9 of the Personnel By-Law dated July 1, 1976, by deleting in its entirety Section A, Part Time Employee Annual Salary Schedule and Section B Part Time Employee Hourly Schedule and insert in place thereof the following schedules:

Compensation Plan

A. Part-time Employees, Annual Salary Schedule

Fire Chief	\$1,000.00
School Crossing Guards	6.50 per day
Board of Health Sanitarian	650.00
Dog Officer	5.00 per action
Plumbing Inspector	8.00 per inspection
Veterans' Agent	2,100.00
Wiring Inspector	5.00 per inspection
Director of Civil Defense	350.00
Animal Inspector	300.00
Sealer of Weights & Measures	350.00
Building Inspector	600.00 plus 5.00 per inspection
Clerk, Board of Registrars	According to Chap. 41, 19G

B. Part-time Employees, hourly schedule

Forest Fire duty	3.00
Election workers	2.30-3.00
Parks & Recreational seasonal employees	2.30-3.50
Public Works season employees	2.30-3.50
Police Officer	3.30 during 1st 6 months; 3.50 during next 2 years; thereafter up to maximum of 3.75
Clerk-Typist	2.50-3.50

8. To amend the COMPENSATION PLAN as appears on Page 9 of the Personnel By-Law dated July 1, 1976, by amending Section C—Weekly Salary Schedule by deleting the salary chart in its entirety and substituting in place thereof the following:

LEVEL	STEPS				
	1	2	3	4	5
1	105.00	109.25	113.75	118.25	122.75
2	113.50	117.75	122.50	127.50	132.50
3	122.50	127.50	132.50	137.75	143.25
4	132.50	137.75	143.25	149.00	155.25
5	143.00	148.75	155.00	161.25	167.50
6	154.75	161.00	167.50	174.25	181.50
7	167.00	173.50	180.50	187.50	195.00
8	179.75	187.00	194.25	202.25	210.25
9	194.25	202.25	210.25	218.75	227.25
10	209.75	218.25	226.75	236.00	245.50
11	226.50	235.50	245.00	254.75	265.00

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

A motion made and seconded to adjourn to tomorrow night at 7:30 p.m. was amended by unanimous vote to say to adjourn to Tuesday, April 12th at 7:30 p.m.

(Vote—Majority Yes)

The Moderator declared the meeting adjourned at 11:24 p.m. to be reconvened at the same location on Tuesday, April 12th, 1977, at 7:30 p.m.

Action taken at the Adjourned Session of the April 4th Annual Town Meeting held on April 12th, 1977

The adjourned session of the 1977 Annual Town Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m. on April 12, 1977

by Moderator Joseph R. White. There were 76 registered voters present.

ARTICLE XXXI. Voted to fix the salaries and compensation of all elected officers of the Town, as provided for by Section 108 of Chapter 41, of the General Laws, as amended; and to raise and appropriate, or appropriate from available funds in the treasury, money for departmental and incidental expenses of the Town of the ensuing fiscal year; and that the various major categories of the budget as contained in the Finance Committee's report be considered separately and acted upon; and further that these sums of money granted and appropriated for the several specific purposes therein designated, be expended only for these purposes as specifically designated under the direction of the respective officers, boards and committees of the Town.

(Vote—Majority Yes)

ARTICLE XXXI.(a) Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$182,807.00 for General Government, each item and amount **requested** in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting, with the exception of Item No. 17—Historical Commission, Item No. 19—Municipal Garages Expenses, and Item No. 20—Old Town Hall Expenses, where the amounts were voted according to the Finance Committee's **recommendations**.

(Vote—Majority Yes)

(In connection with the vote on this article, some amendments were made and withdrawn by unanimous consent of the meeting. Amendments accepted were carried by a majority vote.)

ARTICLE XXXI.(b) Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$133,653.00 for Protection of Persons and Property, each item and amount **recommended** in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE XXXI.(c) Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,127.00 for Health and Sanitation, each item and amount **requested** in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

(The original motion by the Finance Committee was amended so that the itemized figures would be taken from the requested column instead of the recommended column in order to provide amounts for the Sanitary Landfill Area Wages and Expenses. Vote—Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE XXXI.(d) Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$196,498.00 for Highways and Sidewalks, each item and amount **requested** in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote—Majority Yes)

(The original motion by the Finance Committee was amended so that the itemized figures would be taken from the requested column instead of the recommended column in order to provide amounts for all items in the Highways and Sidewalks Category. Vote—Majority Yes)

ARTICLE XXXI.(e) Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,500.00 for the Veterans' Department each item and amount **recommended** in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE XXXI.(f) Voted to appropriate the sum of \$1,752,445.00 to defray the following itemized expenses of the School Department:

Administration-Salaries	\$ 38,293.00
Administration-Wages	620.00
Administration-Expenses	4,740.00
Administration-Out of State Travel	200.00
Instruction-Salaries	1,058,370.00
Instruction-Wages	74,078.00
Instruction-Expenses	107,950.00
Instruction-Out of State Travel	1,752.00
Other School Services-Salaries	17,430.00
Other School Services-Wages	32,176.00
Other School Services-Expenses	116,144.00
Operation and Maintenance-Salaries	76,206.00
Operation and Maintenance-Wages	5,800.00
Operation and Maintenance-Expenses	157,732.00
Fixed Assets-Expenses	18,094.00
Programs with Other Schools-Expenses	42,860.00

and to meet said appropriation the sum of \$4,169.15 is to be appropriated from unexpended funds in the Public Law No. 864 Account, \$3,169.94 is to be appropriated from unexpended funds in the Public Law No. 874 Account and the balance thereof to wit: \$1,745,105.91 is to be raised by taxation.

(Vote—Majority Yes)



(In connection with the vote on this article, an amendment to increase the original amount under Operation and Maintenance-Expenses Account by \$1000. and the Fixed Assets-Expenses Account by \$2835. was voted by a show of hands with 32 voting in the affirmative, and 26 in the negative. Vote on amendment-majority yes.) (Prior to the dissolution of the meeting, a motion to reconsider the vote on this article was passed unanimously. An amendment was then voted to include the paragraph "and to meet said appropriation the sum of \$4,169.15 is to be appropriated from unexpended funds in the Public Law No. 864 Account, \$3,169.94 is to be appropriated from unexpended funds in the Public Law No. 874 Account and the balance thereof to wit: \$1,745,105.91 is to be raised by taxation.", which had been omitted from the amended motion as originally voted.)

ARTICLE XXXI.(g) Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$11,943.00 for the Clapp Memorial Library, each item and amount **recommended** in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE XXXI.(h) Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$26,086.00 for Parks, Beach and Recreation, each item and amount **recommended** in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE XXXI.(i) Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$175,037.80 for Pensions and Insurance, each item and amount **recommended** in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE XXXI.(j) Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$17,472.19 for Unclassified Items, each item and amount **recommended** in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote—Majority Yes)

ARTICLE XXXI.(k) Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$17,050.00 for Cemeteries, each item and amount **recommended** in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote-Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE XXXI. (l) Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$64,068.00 for Interest and Maturing Debt, each item and amount **recommended** in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Voted to dissolve this meeting at 8:50 p.m.

Attest:

Carl J. Peterson, Jr.

Town Clerk



CERTIFICATION OF APPROPRIATIONS
TOWN MEETING HELD April 4 & April 12, 1977

Article No.	Budget or Dept.	Total Appropriation	From Tax Levy	Free Cash	From Other Available Funds	Revenue Sharing	Borrowing
1.	None	0	0	0	0	0	0
2.	None	0	0	0	0	0	0
3.	Clapp Mem. Library-Expense Acct.	1,376.99	0	0	1,376.99	0	0
4.	None	0	0	0	0	0	0
5.	Public Ways, Sundry, Improvements (12)	30,000.00	0	30,000.00	0	0	0
6.	Materials for maint. & improvement, secondary streets	20,000	0	0	0	No. 6-20,000.00	0
7.	Chapter 90, Highway Construction	56,808.00	0	0	0	0	56,808.00
8.	Sander, Highway Dept.	4,970.00	0	0	0	No. 6- 4,970.00	0
9.	Dump Truck, Highway Dept.	15,941.65	0	0	0	No. 6-15,941.65	0
10.	None	0	0	0	0	0	0
11.	Conservation Fund	400.00	0	400.00	0	0	0
12.	Assessors-Legal Counsel	100.00	0	100.00	0	0	0
13.	Clapp Mem. Library-Expense Acct.	2,226.00	0	0	2,226.00	0	0
14.	Reserve Fund for use of Finance Comm.	7,357.81	0	0	7,357.81	0	0
15.	Extend South End of Common	3,000.00	0	0	0	No. 6- 3,000.00	0
16.	Police Cruiser	6,000.00	0	0	0	No. 6- 6,000.00	0
17.	Construct parking area-Cold Spring School	8,000.00	0	0	0	No. 6- 8,000.00	0
18.	None	0	0	0	0	0	0
19.	Cemetery Comm. Exp. Account	1,315.00	0	0	1,315.00	0	0
20.	Pathfinder Reg. Voc. Tech. H.S. Dist.-(capital, oper. & maint. budget, & evening school budgets)	119,312.65	119,312.65	0	0	0	0
21.	None	0	0	0	0	0	0
22.	Jr. Sr. H.S. Band Building	30,000.00	0	0	0	No. 7-30,000.00	0
23.	Maintenance/Groundskeeper Wage Account	10,975.05	0	0	10,975.05 (P.L.94-369)	0	0
24.	Council on Aging-Wage Account	4,634.00	0	0	4,634.00 (P.L.94-369)	0	0
25.	Police Dept.-Part-time Wage Account	948.95	0	0	948.95 (P.L.94-369)	0	0
26.	a) File-Cemetery Commissioners	150.00	0	0	0	No. 7- 150.00	0
	b) Typewriter-Assessors	653.00	0	0	0	No. 7- 653.00	0
	c) None	0	0	0	0	0	0

d) Photostat Machine-Police Dept.	625.00	0	0	0	No. 7-	625.00	0
e) Hose-Fire Department	1,225.00	0	0	0	No. 5-	1,225.00	0
f) Uniforms & Equipment-Fire Dept.	2,100.00	0	0	0	No. 7-	2,100.00	0
g) Traps, Catchers, Muzzles & Leashes-Dog Officer	200.00	0	0	0	No. 6-	200.00	0
h) Print File Cabinet-Building Inspector	275.00	0	0	0	No. 7-	275.00	0
i) Shelter Reconstruction-Sanitary Landfill Area	600.00	0	0	0	No. 6-	600.00	0
j) Tables for Parks, Beach, & Recreation	150.00	0	0	0	No. 7-	150.00	0
k) Stereo & Records, Parks, Beach & Recreation	500.00	0	0	0	No. 5-	500.00	0
l) Locker-Parks, Beach & Recreation	75.00	0	0	0	No. 5-	75.00	0
m) Improvements & Program Expansion-Old Town Hall	1,200.00	0	0	0	No. 6-	1,200.00	0
n) Storage Building-School Dept.	5,000.00	0	0	0	No. 7-	5,000.00	0
o) Fire Alarm System (Memorial)-School Dept.	4,000.00	0	0	0	No. 7-	4,000.00	0
p) None	0	0	0	0		0	0
q) File Cabinet-Tax & Town Collector	350.00	0	0	0	No. 7-	350.00	0
r) Record File System-Police Dept.	1,500.00	0	0	0	No. 7-	1,500.00	0
27. None	0	0	0	0		0	0
28. None	0	0	0	0		0	0
29. None	0	0	0	0		0	0
30. None	0	0	0	0		0	0
31. Itemized Budgets							

(a) General Government	(Total)	182,807.00	0	0	0	0	0
1. Moderator, expense	35.00		0	0	0	0	0
2. Selectmen, salaries (Chmn 1500.; 4 @ 1200.) expense	6,300.00		0	0	0	0	0
	5,400.00		0	0	0	0	0
3. Accountant & Administrative Secretary salaries	18,536.00		0	0	0	0	0
expenses	1,550.00		0	0	0	0	0
out of state travel	200.00		0	0	0	0	0
4. Town Treasurer salary	4,500.00		0	0	0	0	0
wages	8,698.00		0	0	0	0	0
expenses	2,840.00		0	0	0	0	0
5. Tax Collector salary	4,750.00		0	0	0	0	0
wages	11,713.00		0	0	0	0	0

6. Town Clerk, salary	4,045.00	0	0	0	0
wages	2,750.00	0	0	0	0
expenses	6,594.00	0	0	0	0
7. Assessors Salary:	1,673.00	0	0	0	0
Assessors					
Assistant Assessor	2,600.00	0	0	0	0
Wages	9,181.00	0	0	0	0
Expenses	8,302.00	0	0	0	0
8. Law Account	9,400.00	0	0	0	0
9. Finance Committee	5,600.00	0	0	0	0
10. Election & Registration	200.00	0	0	0	0
Salary					
Wages	150.00	0	0	0	0
Expenses	6,350.00	0	0	0	0
11. Planning Board	1,000.00	0	0	0	0
Salary	0	0	0	0	0
Wages	3,000.00	0	0	0	0
Expenses	5,000.00	0	0	0	0
Out of state travel	50.00	0	0	0	0
12. Building Inspector, Zoning Officer, Assr. Field Represen- tative & Engineering Aide					
Salary	10,140.00	0	0	0	0
Expenses	4,200.00	0	0	0	0
13. Board of Appeals					
Wages	800.00	0	0	0	0
Expenses	300.00	0	0	0	0
14. Conservation Commission					
Wages	100.00	0	0	0	0
Expenses	200.00	0	0	0	0
15. Council on Aging					
Wages	13,370.00	0	0	0	0
Expenses	4,810.00	0	0	0	0
16. Industrial & Development Commission					
Expenses	100.00	0	0	0	0
17. Historical Commission	500.00	0	0	0	0
MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS					
18. Lawrence Memorial Hall					
Wages	100.00	0	0	0	0
Expenses	3,950.00	0	0	0	0
19. Municipal Garages					
Expenses	6,900.00	0	0	0	0

20. Old Town Hall Expenses	4,000.00	0	0	0	0
21. Town Common Expenses	2,520.00	0	0	0	0
22. Town Clock, Expenses	400.00	0	0	0	0
(b) Protection of Persons and Property (Total)	133,653.00				
23. Police Department: Salary-Chief	15,793.00	0	0	0	0
Wages-Full Time	21,657.00	0	0	0	0
Part Time	35,659.00	0	0	0	0
Expenses	23,000.00	0	0	0	0
24. Fire Department, Salaries	1,000.00	0	0	0	0
Wages	6,576.00	0	0	0	0
Expenses	8,212.00	0	0	0	0
25. Hydrant Service, Expenses	5,950.00	0	0	0	0
26. Water Storage Holes, Expenses	600.00	0	0	0	0
27. Dept. of Weights & Measures Salaries	350.00	0	0	0	0
Expenses	145.00	0	0	0	0
28. Dog Officer, Salaries	1,000.00	0	0	0	0
Expenses	200.00	0	0	0	0
29. Wiring Inspector, Wages	2,500.00	0	0	0	0
Expenses	500.00	0	0	0	0
30. Maintenance-Groundskeeper, Expenses	300.00	0	0	0	0
31. Gas Inspector, Wages	50.00	0	0	0	0
Expenses	50.00	0	0	0	0
32. Civil Defense, Salaries	350.00	0	0	0	0
Expenses	285.00	0	0	0	0
33. Insect Pest Control, Expenses	1,815.00	0	0	0	0
34. Dutch Elm Disease, Wages	2,000.00	0	0	0	0
Expenses	1,193.00	0	0	0	0
35. Tree Warden, Wages	2,500.00	0	0	0	0
Expenses	1,968.00	0	0	0	0
(c) Health and Sanitation (Total)	50,127.00				
36. Health Dept., Salaries	700.00	0	0	0	0
Wages	4,550.00	0	0	0	0
Expenses	7,927.00	0	0	0	0
37. Sewer Maintenance, Salaries	1,250.00	0	0	0	0
Wages	3,000.00	0	0	0	0
Expenses	17,500.00	0	0	0	0
38. Sanitary Landfill Area, Wages	14,200.00	0	0	0	0
Expenses	1,000.00	0	0	0	0

(d) Highways and Sidewalks (Total)	196,498.00				
39. Highways-Supt. Salary	13,298.00	0	0	0	0
40. Highways-General, Wages Expenses	33,000.00	0	0	0	0
41. Highway-Benefits, Wages	34,500.00	0	0	0	0
42. Highways-Sidewalks, Expenses	13,500.00	0	0	0	0
43. Highways-Bridges & Culverts, Expenses	5,000.00	0	0	0	0
44. Highways-Snow Removal, Expenses	12,000.00	0	0	0	0
45. Highways-Street Lighting, Expenses	50,000.00	0	0	0	0
46. Road Machinery Expense, Expenses	15,700.00	0	0	0	0
	19,500.00	0	0	0	0
(e) Veterans' Department (Total)	30,500.00				
47. Veterans, Salary	2,100.00	0	0	0	0
Wages	900.00	0	0	0	0
Expenses	27,500.00	0	0	0	0
(f) School Department (Total)	1,752,445.00				
48. Schools:					
No. 1000 Administration,					
Salaries	38,293.00	0	0	0	0
Wages	620.00	0	0	0	0
Expenses	4,740.00	0	0	0	0
Out of State Travel	200.00	0	0	0	0
No. 2000 Instruction, Salaries	1,051,030.91	0	4,169.15(P.L.864)	0	0
Wages	74,078.00	0	3,169.94(P.L.874)	0	0
Expenses	107,950.00	0	0	0	0
Out of State Travel	1,752.00	0	0	0	0
No. 3000 Other School Services,					
Salaries	17,430.00	0	0	0	0
Wages	32,176.00	0	0	0	0
Expenses	116,144.00	0	0	0	0
No. 4000 Operations & Maintenance, Salaries	76,206.00	0	0	0	0
Wages	5,800.00	0	0	0	0
Expenses	157,732.00	0	0	0	0
No. 7000 Fixed Assets, Expenses	18,094.00	0	0	0	0
No. 9000 Program w/other schools, Expenses	42,860.00	0	0	0	0

	Wages	8,100.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Expenses	3,843.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
(h) Parks, Beach & Recreation (Total)		26,086.00							
50. Parks, Beach, Recreation,									
Salaries		8,744.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wages		9,465.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Expenses		7,877.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
(i) Pensions and Insurance (Total)		175,037.80							
51. Pensions		52,766.80	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
52. Insurance-General		50,153.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
53. Blue Cross-Blue Shield		70,063.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
54. Group Life Insurance		2,055.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
(j) Unclassified (Total)		17,472.19							
55. Patriotic Exercises		300.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
56. Town Report		4,500.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
57. Other Unclassified		5,030.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
58. Reserve Fund		7,642.19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
(k) Cemeteries (Total)		17,050.00							
59. Cemeteries, Salaries		800.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wages		2,850.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Expenses		13,000.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
60. Veterans' Graves		400.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
(l) Interest and Maturing Debt (Total)		64,068.00							
61. 1963 School Bond		9,068.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Temporary Short-Term Notes		10,000.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
62. Maturing Debt-1963 School									
Loan		45,000.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		2,999,656.09	2,769,660.55	30,500.00	36,172.89	106,514.65	56,808.00		

Attest:
 Carl J. Peterson, Jr.
 Town Clerk

Town Election April, 11 1977

Office	Name	*Denotes Elected		
		Prec. A	Prec. B	Totals
Moderator 1 year	*Joseph R. White	750	86	836
	Blanks	147	15	162
		897	101	998
Town Clerk 1 year	*Carl J. Peterson, Jr.	788	87	875
	Blanks	109	14	123
		897	101	998
Selectmen 3 years	*William Gerry Whitlock	597	74	671
	*Richard K. Cook, Sr.	450	65	515
	Edward H. Parker	130	14	144
	Owens W. Taylor	278	23	301
	Martha J. Barrett	1	0	1
	Blanks	338	26	364
		1794	202	1996
Tax & Town Collector 3 years	*Carl J. Peterson, Jr.	784	89	873
	Blanks	113	12	125
		897	101	998
School Committee 3 years	*Martha J. Barrett	446	48	494
	Harold E. Mellin, Jr.	405	46	451
	Blanks	46	7	53
		897	101	998
Assessor 3 years	*Edward O. Lofland	736	82	818
	Blanks	161	19	180
		897	101	998
Cemetery Commissioner 3 years	*Daniel W. MacPhee	751	79	830
	Blanks	146	22	168
		897	101	998
Planning Board 5 years	*W. Daniel Fitzpatrick	693	78	771
	Blanks	204	23	227
		897	101	998
Planning Board 4 years	*Bruno B. Land	687	74	761
	Blanks	210	27	237
		897	101	998
Planning Board 3 years	*Donald S. Cole	510	57	567
	Michael L. Harrington	205	8	213
	Richard E. Lambert	112	30	142
	Blanks	70	6	76
		897	101	998

Tree Warden	*Albert W. Brown	781	86	867
1 year	Blanks	116	15	131
		897	101	998
Sewer Commissioner	*Alfred P. Atwood	759	79	838
3 years	Blanks	138	22	160
		897	101	998
Board of Health	*Linda H. Snow	696	76	772
3 years	Richard Martin	1	0	1
	Blanks	200	25	225
		897	101	998
Board of Health	*Francis A. Dudek	760	92	852
2 years	Blanks	137	9	146
		897	101	998
Question No. 1	*Yes	429	47	476
	No	268	32	300
	Blanks	200	22	222
		897	101	998
Votes cast on April 11, 1977		897	101	998
Registered Voters at Belchertown	Republican	492	37	529
	Democrat	923	139	1062
	American	1	0	1
	Independent	1465	205	1670
		2881	381	3262

A True Copy, Attest:
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 Town Clerk



**ACTION TAKEN AT THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
held June 13, 1977—Fiscal 1977**

Moderator—Joseph R. White

Registered voters present—111 (Quorum required—25)

Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m.

The Clerk read the Return of the Warrant.

ARTICLE I. Voted to appropriate from the Cemetery Commissioners Expense Account the sum of \$275.00 to the Cemetery Commissioners Capital Expenditure Account to purchase motorized grass clippers.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE II. Voted to appropriate from the Lawrence Memorial Hall Wage Account the sum of \$500.00 to the Lawrence Memorial Hall Expense Account.

(Vote—Majority Yes)

(The amount appropriated was an amended figure from the original motion requesting \$858.65.)

ARTICLE III. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$1.38 to pay the following bill incurred in a prior year: Leopold's—\$1.38.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE IV. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$600.00 to the Town Garage Account.

(Vote—Majority Yes)

(A motion to amend to \$100.00 was defeated by a vote of yes—23; no—26)

ARTICLE V. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$100.00 to the Dog Officer Wage Account.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE VI. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$500.00 to the Highways-General Expense Account.

(Vote—Majority Yes; Yes—50; No—14)

(The amount appropriated was an amended figure from the original motion requesting \$1500.00.)

ARTICLE VII. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$500.00 to the Highways-Road Machinery Expense Account.

(Vote—Majority Yes)

(The amount appropriated was an amended figure from the original motion requesting \$1000.00.)

ARTICLE VIII. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$300.00 to the Clapp Memorial Library Expense Account.

(Vote—Majority Yes)

ARTICLE IX. Voted to appropriate from Public Law No. 92-512 (Federal Revenue Sharing) Entitlement Period 7 the sum \$1,320.00 to purchase hose for the Fire Department.

(Vote—Majority Yes)

ARTICLE X. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$1500.00 to purchase a waterous flotation pump, a 10 ton hydraulic jack for

jaws, 2 indian cans, and aluminum nozzles and adapters for the Fire Department pending 50% reimbursement from Title IV Rural Fire Development Act of 1972.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE XI. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$3000.00 to the Police Department Expense Account.

(Vote—Majority Yes)

(An amendment to reduce this amount to \$1000.00 did not carry by a majority vote.)

At 8:31 p.m. the Moderator called a recess in order to call to order the 2nd Special Town Meeting scheduled for 8:30 p.m. The Clerk read the Return of the Warrant. The Moderator then announced a recess in the second meeting to be reconvened following the dissolution of the first meeting.

The first meeting was reconvened at 8:33 p.m.

ARTICLE XII. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$1200.00 to the Consultant Services Account.

(Vote—Majority Yes)

ARTICLE XIII. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$19,200.00 to fund a Forest Management Project under Title VI of the Comprehensive Employment Training Act of 1973, as amended, (Public Law No. 93-203) pending reimbursement from the Hampshire Employment and Training Center.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE XIV. On the motion—To amend the official Zoning Map by deleting from the Agricultural District a portion of land on Bay Road and including the same within the Multi-Family Residential District, **it was voted to take no action on this article.**

(Vote—Majority Yes)

ARTICLE XV. On the motion—To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-Law as follows:

1) Under "Section II", entitled "Definitions", add a new Subsection:

C. FAMILY: A family is a reasonable number of individuals related by blood, marriage, or adoption living together as a single housekeeping unit, provided that a group of not more than four persons keeping house together but not related by blood, marriage, or adoption shall be considered a family,

the motion was defeated by a majority vote: Yes—36; No—47.

(In conjunction with this vote a motion to take no action was defeated by a majority vote: Yes—40; No—41. The original motion was also amended to read "A family is a reasonable number of individuals living together as a single housekeeping unit", and this amendment was defeated by a majority vote: Yes—27; No—54.)

Voted to dissolve this meeting at 9:38 p.m.

Attest:

Carl J. Peterson, Jr.

Town Clerk

**ACTION TAKEN AT THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
held June 13, 1977—Fiscal 1978**

Moderator—Joseph R. White

Registered voters present—111 (Quorum required—25)

Meeting was called to order at 8:31 p.m.

The Clerk read the Return of the Warrant.

The Moderator then recessed the meeting to be reconvened at the conclusion of the first Special Town Meeting scheduled for 7:30 p.m., the business of which had not been completed. The Meeting was reconvened by the Moderator at 9:48 p.m.

ARTICLE I. Voted to rescind the action taken on Article I of the Annual Town Meeting of April 4 and 11, 1977 relative to the appointment of Kenneth H. Snow as Trustee of the Calvin Bridgman Fund for three (3) years.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE II. Nominated and elected Rachel G. Shumway as Trustee of the Calvin Bridgman Fund for three years.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE III. Voted to appropriate from Photo Musicales Receipts the sum of \$51.60 to purchase musical instruments for the School Department.

(Vote—Majority Yes)

(The amount appropriated was an amended figure from the original motion requesting \$851.60.)

ARTICLE IV. Voted to appropriate from Public Law No. 92-512 (Federal Revenue Sharing) Entitlement Period 6 the sum of \$747.00 to purchase a typewriter for the Selectmen's Office.

(Vote—Majority Yes)

(An amendment to reduce the amount to \$400.00 was defeated by a majority vote.)

ARTICLE V. Voted to appropriate from Public Law No. 92-512 (Federal Revenue Sharing) Entitlement Period 7 the sum of \$1,200.00 to purchase and install key boxes for the gas pumps at the Highway Garage.

(Vote—Majority Yes; Yes—32; No—16)

ARTICLE VI. Voted to appropriate from Public Law No. 94-488 (Federal Revenue Sharing) Entitlement Period 8 the sum of \$29,500.00 and authorize the Selectmen to use such funds to purchase from Ruth A. Finnerty the real estate located on the easterly side of South Main Street in Belchertown, Hampshire County, Massachusetts, which is bounded and described as follows:

A parcel of land situated in said Belchertown on the easterly side of South Main Street, bounded northerly by land now or formerly of B. Butter; easterly by land now or formerly of said Butter; southerly by land of the Clapp Memorial Library Corporation and westerly by said South Main Street, together with the buildings thereon.

(Vote—Majority Yes)

(In conjunction with this vote a motion to take no action was defeated by a vote of Yes—10; No—46.)

ARTICLE VII. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$100,000.00 to be used by the Assessors to reduce the tax rate.

(Vote—Majority Yes)

ARTICLE VIII. Voted to join the Pioneer Valley Transit Authority pursuant to Chapter 161B of the Massachusetts General Laws and authorize the Selectmen to enter into such agreements that may be required to accomplish the foregoing.

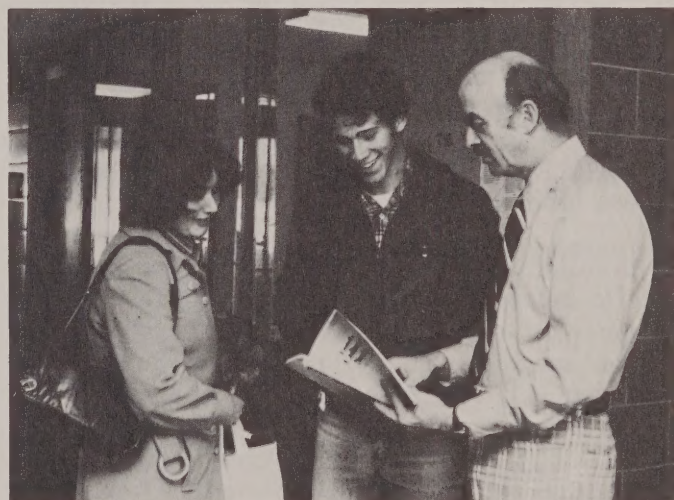
(Vote—Majority Yes)

Voted to dissolve this meeting at 10:39 p.m.

Attest:

Carl J. Peterson, Jr.

Town Clerk



**ACTION TAKEN AT THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
held October 17, 1977**

Moderator—Joseph R. White

Registered voters present—79 (Quorum required—25)

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

The Clerk read the Return of the Warrant.

Prior to the action on the first article, Mr. Neil McCann, Vice-Chairman of the Finance Committee, introduced two new members of the Finance Committee—Phyllis A. Foster and Judith A. King.

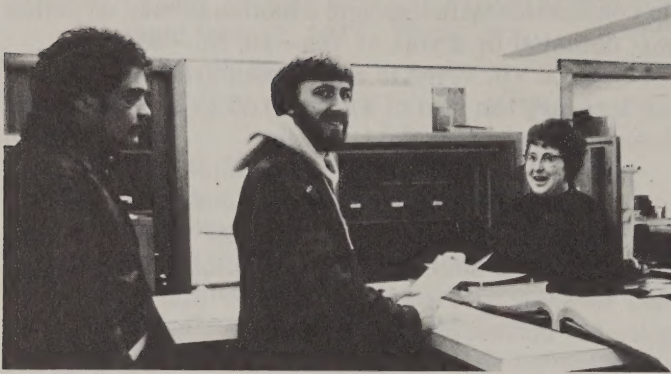
ARTICLE I. Voted to appropriate from the Ambulance Fund the sum of \$1,350.00 to equip the new ambulance.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE II. Voted to appropriate from the Insurance Recovery-Police Radio Account the sum of \$882.00 to replace the portable radio lost from the Police Department.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE III. Voted to appropriate from Public Law No. 92-512 (Federal Revenue Sharing) Entitlement



Period 5 the sum of \$143.00 to be used in conjunction with the insurance claim monies to purchase a portable radio for the Police Department.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE IV. Voted to appropriate from Public Law No. 92-512 (Federal Revenue Sharing) Entitlement Period 7 the sum of \$2,000.00 for ambulance training as authorized under Article VII of the Special Town Meeting of December 17, 1973.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE V. Voted to authorize the Selectmen to sell a 1966 Brockway Dump Truck.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE VI. On the Article—To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell Town owned property up to a valuation of \$1,500.00 at one time without specific Town Meeting action, or take any action relative thereto, **it was voted to take no action on this article.**

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE VII. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$1,925.10 to the Highways-Chapter 765 Account.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE VIII. Voted to appropriate from Public Law No. 92-512 (Federal Revenue Sharing) Entitlement Period 7 the sum of \$5,000.00 for repairs and maintenance of the Finnerty property recently purchased by the Town of Belchertown.

(Vote—Majority Yes)

ARTICLE IX. Voted to appropriate from Public Law No. 94-369 (Public Works Act Title II) the sum of \$2,342.19 to the Maintenceman/Groundskeeper Wage Account.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE X. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$150,000.00 to the Stabilization Fund.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE XI. On the Article—To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Public Law No. 94-488 (Federal Revenue Sharing) Entitlement Period 8 a sum of money to be used in conjunction with funds appropriated at the Special Town Meeting of December 6,

1976 for repairs to the Red Bridge, so called, or take any action relative thereto, **it was voted to take no action on this article.**

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE XII. Voted to appropriate from Photo Musicale Receipts the sum of \$800.00 to purchase band uniforms for the School Department.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE XIII. Voted to appropriate from Public Law No. 94-488 (Federal Revenue Sharing) Entitlement Period 8 the sum of \$11,000.00 to install a drainage system on a section of Summit Street.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE XIV. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$338.47 to pay the following bills incurred in a prior year:

Frank's Lawnmower Service	\$ 6.50
New England Telephone	31.41
Hodgen Landscape Company	120.00
Massachusetts Electric	58.81
Elder Lumber Corporation	74.15
The Sentinel	47.60

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE XV. Voted to appropriate from Public Law No. 94-488 (Federal Revenue Sharing) Entitlement Period 8 the sum of \$3,800.00 to pay for damages in connection with land takings, which the Town would be liable, as a result of the relocation of a section of Chauncey Walker Street known as Isaac's Corner, all as shown on a plan entitled "Chauncey Walker Street-Route 21, Belchertown, Massachusetts, Prepared for Hampshire County Commissioners by Almer Huntley, Jr. & Associates, Inc. Registered land surveyors and civil engineers."

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

(Prior to action on this article, Mr. Garfield Hubbard of Northampton, owner of property abutting the proposed reconstruction, requested and was granted permission to address the meeting. Following the discussion he was excused prior to the vote on the article.)

ARTICLE XVI. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$600.00 to the Maintenceman-Expense Account.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE XVII. Voted to authorize the Board of Health of the Town of Belchertown to join the Quabog Valley Visiting Nurse Association, Inc. as a full fledged member.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE XVIII. Voted to accept the following described parcels of land as shown on a plan entitled "Fox Run Farm" and dated February 17, 1977 and revised April 28, 1977:

Lot 1A: Said lot beginning at a highway bound on the westerly side of Michael Sears Road thence running N. 8°37'22" West, a distance of 35.82 feet to a point

thence running S. 88°30'33" West, a distance of 35.82 feet to a bound, said bound being opposite station 0 + 23.42 as shown on said plan, thence running along a curve to the right with a radius of 30.00 feet, a distance of 52.42 feet to the point of beginning. Said parcel containing 288 square feet, more or less.

Lot 2A: Said lot beginning at a highway bound on the westerly side of Michael Sears Road thence running S. 8°37'22" West, a distance of 25.12 feet to a point, thence running S. 88°30'33" West, a distance of 25.12 feet to a highway bound, said bound being opposite station 0 + 23.42 as shown on said plan, thence running along a curve to the left with a radius of 30.00 feet, a distance of 41.83 feet to the point of beginning. Said parcel containing 126 square feet, more or less.

(Vote—Majority Yes)

ARTICLE XIX. Voted to authorize the Selectmen to give away to the residents of the Town of Belchertown, by distribution, cord wood cut under the Forestry Management Project under Title VI of the Comprehensive Employment Training Act of 1973, as amended, (Public Law 93-203).

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE XX. Voted to appropriate from Public Law No. 92-512 (Federal Revenue Sharing) Entitlement Period 5 the sum of \$1,000.00 to construct a Little League Diamond at Cold Spring School.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE XXI. Voted to appropriate from Public Law No. 94-488 (Federal Revenue Sharing) Entitlement Period 8 the sum of \$5,700.00 to purchase and equip a new police cruiser.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE XXII. Voted to appropriate from Public Law No. 92-512 (Federal Revenue Sharing) Entitlement Period 6 the sum of \$2,520.00 to purchase four portable self contained air breathing units with equipment for the Fire Department.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE XXIII. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$72,796.00 to the following School Department Salary Accounts:

Administration—No. 1000	\$ 325.00
Instruction—No. 2000	67,785.00
Other School Services—No. 3000	1,800.00
Operation & Maintenance—No. 4000	2,886.00

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Voted to dissolve this meeting at 8:50 p.m.

Attest:

Carl J. Peterson, Jr.
Town Clerk

ACTION TAKEN AT THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING held December 27, 1977

Moderator—Joseph R. White

Registered voters present—35 (Quorum required—25)

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

The Assistant Clerk read the Return of the Warrant.

ARTICLE I. Voted to authorize the Selectmen to sell the 1972 Chevrolet ambulance.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE II. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$4,000.00 to the Insurance Account.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE III. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$15,000.00 to the Road Machinery Expense Account.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE IV. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$30.00 to pay the following bill incurred in a prior year: Hamilton I. Newell, Inc.—\$30.00.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE V. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$6,200.00 to the Police Department Full Time Wage Account.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE VI. Voted to appropriate from Public Law No. 92-512 (Federal Revenue Sharing), Entitlement Period 6, the sum of \$1,150.00 and Entitlement Period 7 the sum of \$650.00 to be used in conjunction with that voted at the Annual Town Meeting of April 4, 1977 to purchase and install a Fire Alarm System for Memorial School and the Lawrence Memorial Hall offices.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE VII. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$1,000.00 to the Parks, Beach, and Recreation Wage Account.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE VIII. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$10,000.00 to the Highways-Snow Removal Account.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

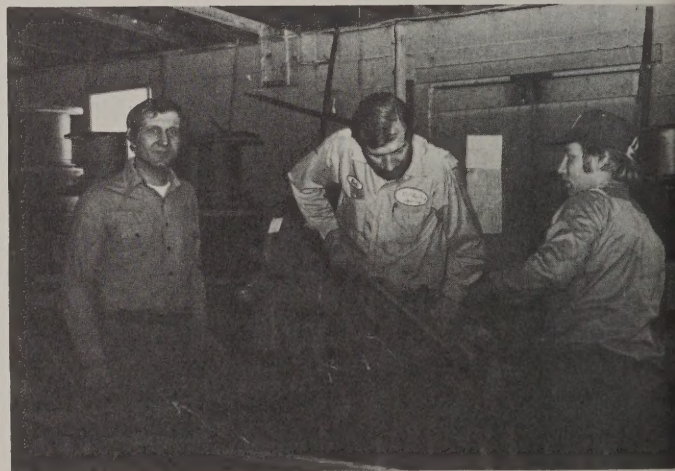
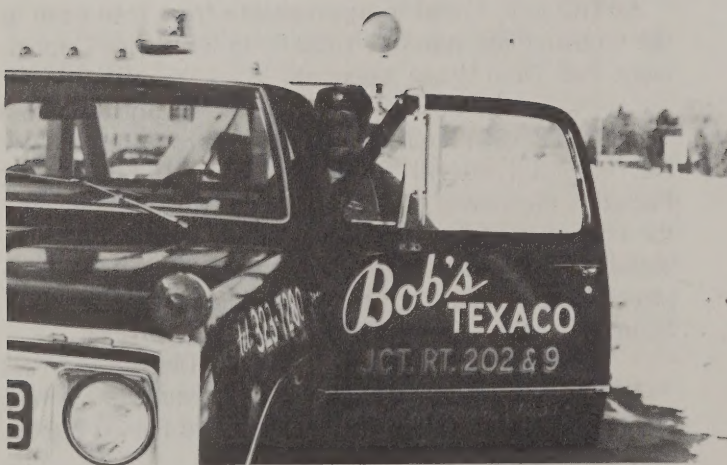
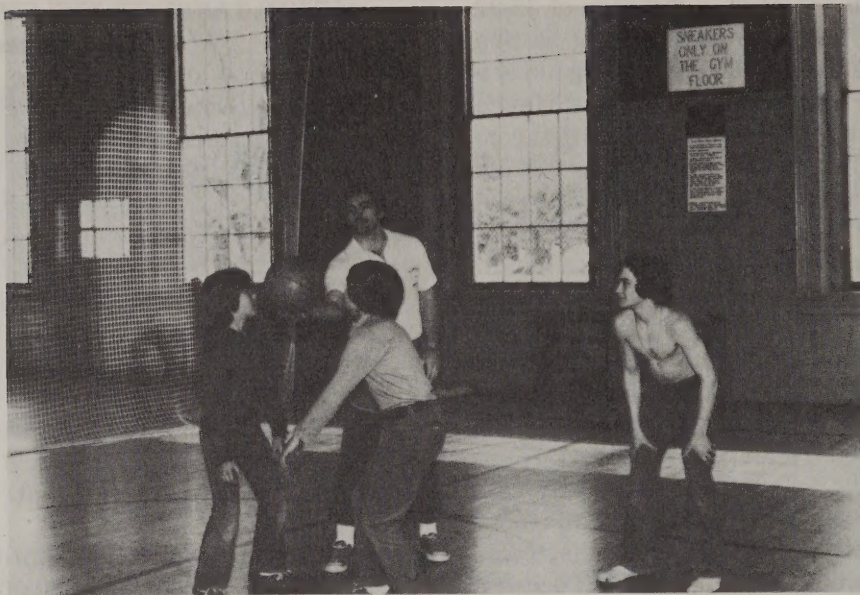
ARTICLE IX. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$350.00 to pay the out of court settlement of a case brought against the Town of Belchertown by Douglas Noland.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

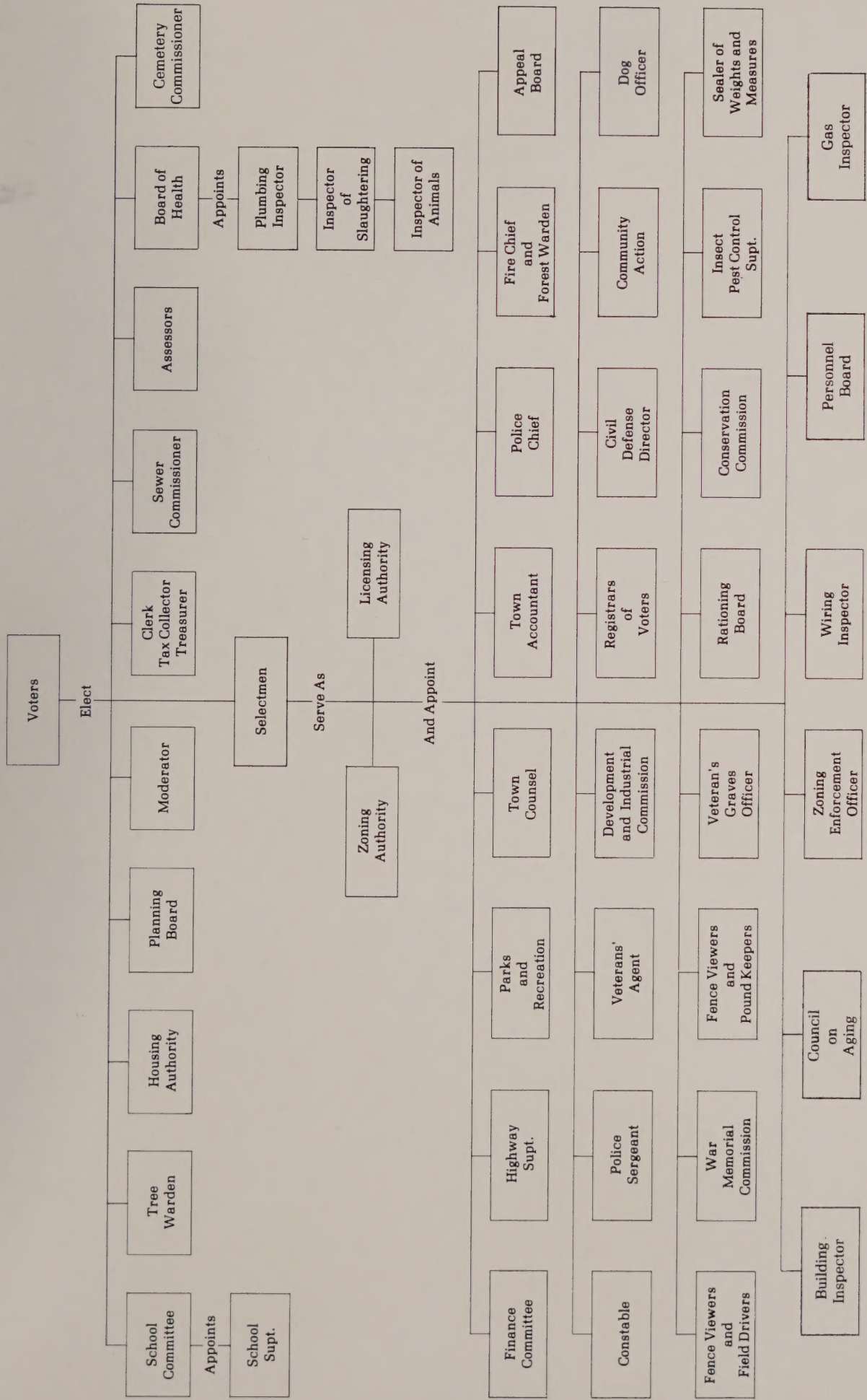
Voted to dissolve this meeting at 7:46 p.m.

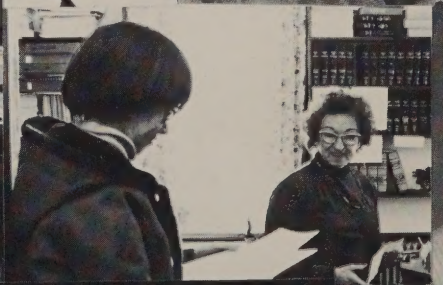
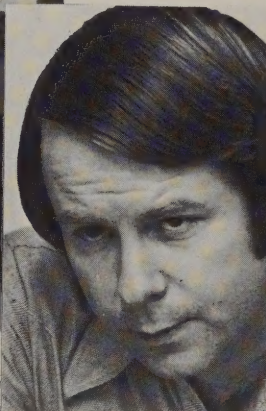
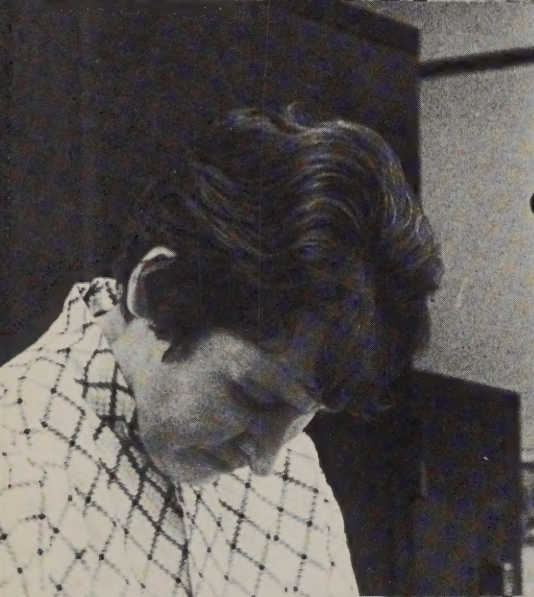
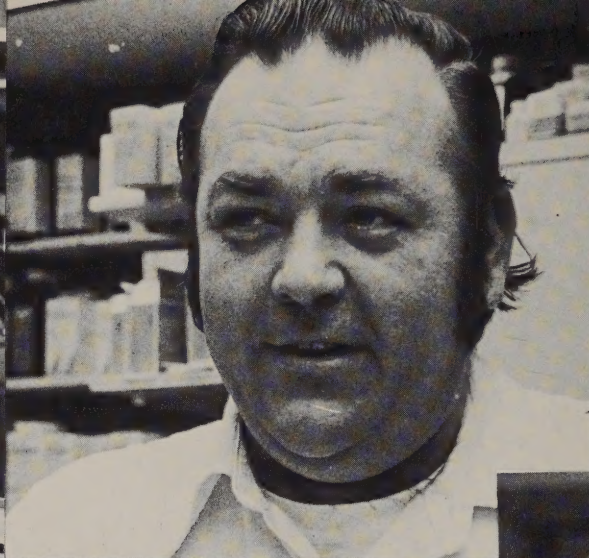
Attest:

Carol E. Hubbard
Assistant Town Clerk



Town of Belchertown





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MILTON C. BAGGS
Chief 1929 - 1950



JOSEPH J. KEMPKEs, SR.
Chief 1950 - 1958



LOUIS E. FULLER
Chief 1958 - 1976



RAYMOND R. MENARD
Chief 1976 -



Back Row:

Jim Lemon, Howell Cook, Dr. James Collard, Bill Bishop, Ken Bristol, Harold Ketchen, Fay Ayres, Martin Crow, Harold Peck, Guy Allen

Front Row:

Linc Cook, Roy Baggs, Ray Gould, Herb Shaw, Chief Mitt Baggs, Joe Kempkes, Harry Sessions, John Woods, Roy Shaw

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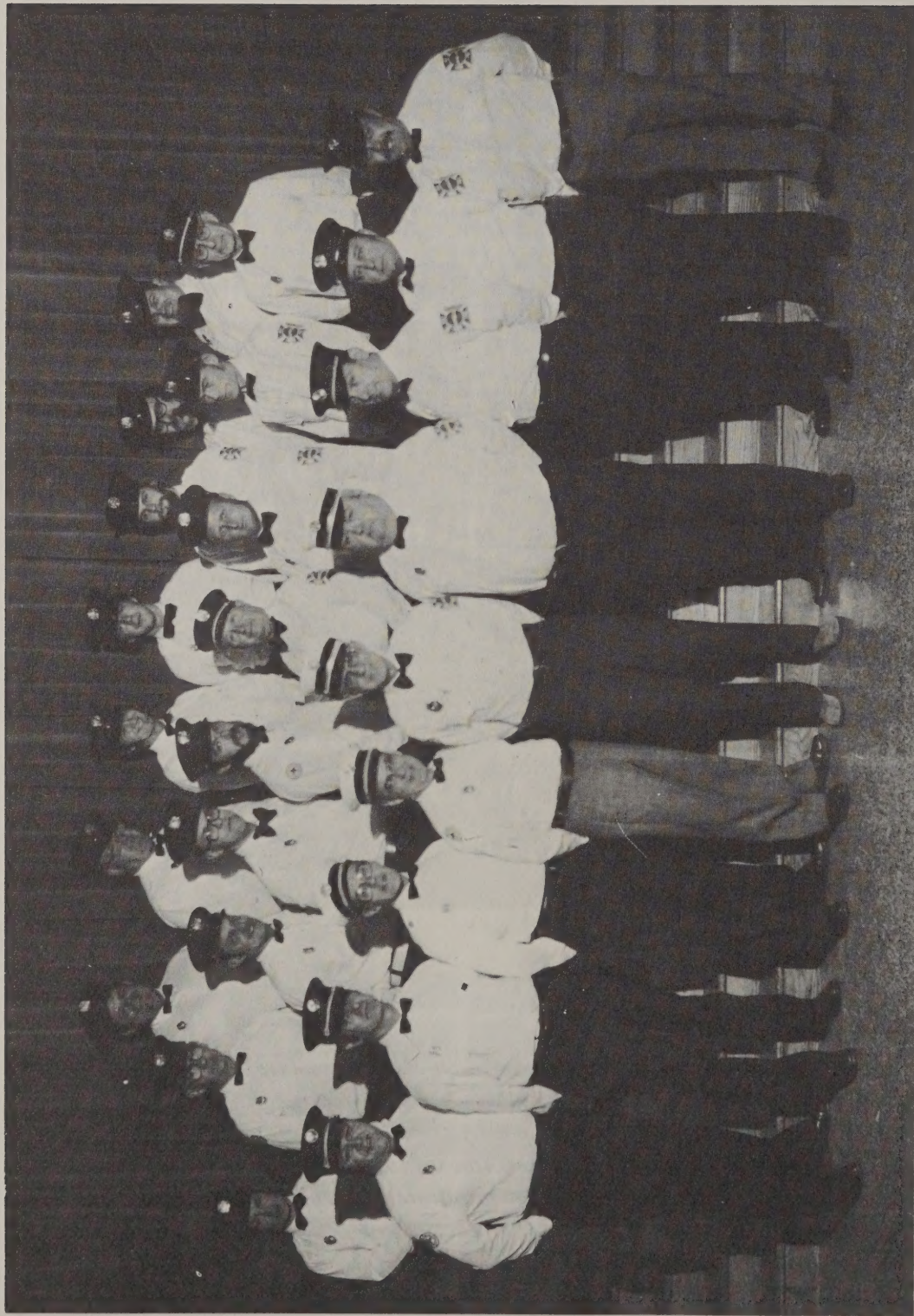
For the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1978

TO THE PEOPLE OF BELCHERTOWN
WHO VOLUNTEERED THEIR EFFORTS
TO MAKE 200 YEARS POSSIBLE"



ERECTED AND DEDICATED JULY 4, 1976
BY
THE BELCHERTOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE
FIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

We are proud to dedicate this report to the Belchertown Volunteer Firefighter's Association on the occasion of their Fiftieth Anniversary. The plaque from the monument, a Bicentennial presentation to the Town by the Association, expresses appreciation for the many contributions of volunteers toward improving the quality of our lives. It is fitting that we use a picture of that monument as the keystone of our salute to the Firefighter's Association Fiftieth Anniversary of dedicated service in protecting the lives and property of our townspeople.

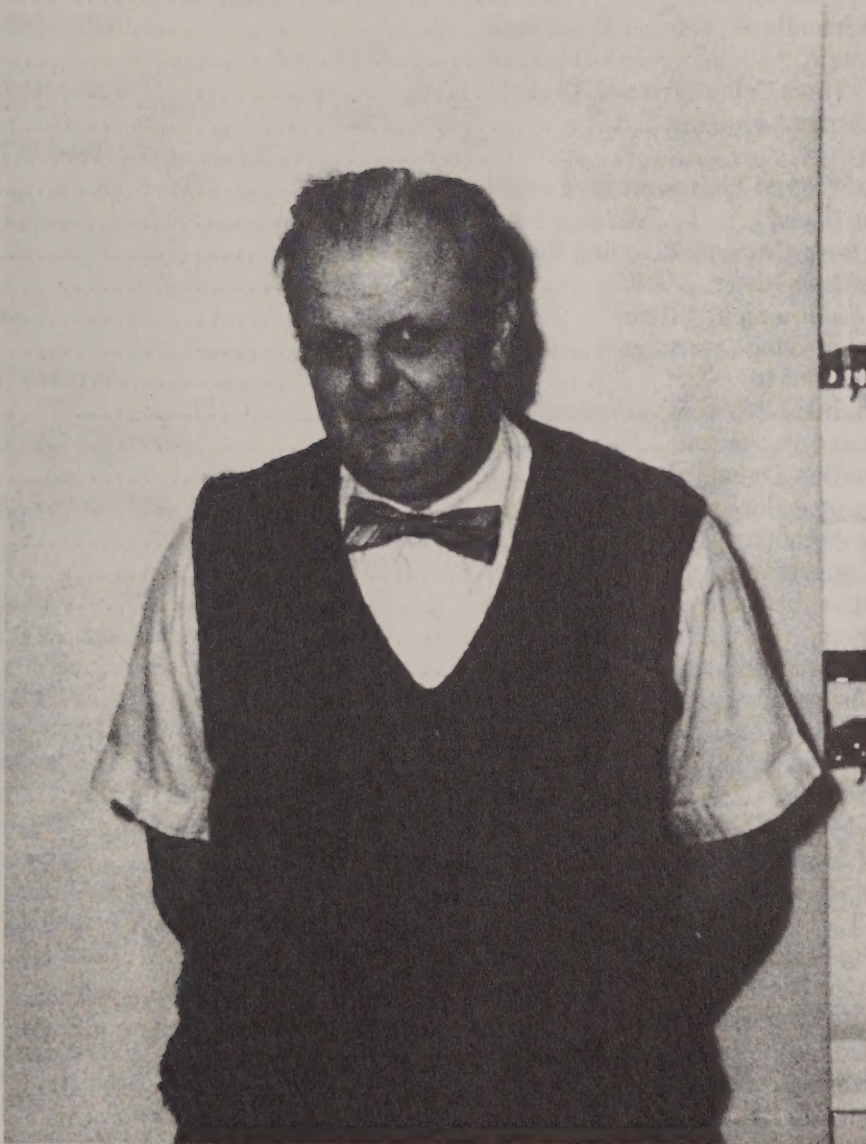


Belchertown Fire Department-1979:

Back Row: Walter Newth, Thomas Fuller, Timothy Lofland, George Gruele, Gordon Hodge, Raymond Peeso, Kenneth Thayer

Middle Row: Sherman Gould, Richard McGinnis, Bruce Officer, Albert Dewhurst, David Auchair, William Shattuck, Roy Reece, Herbert Wood, Paul Greene

Front Row: Lt. Edward Fuller, Capt. Harry Brougham, Lt. David Hodgen, Assistant Chief Donald Bock, Chief Raymond Menard, Deputy Chief Louis Fuller, Deputy Chief Carl Peterson, Lt. Samuel Joyal, Lt. John Hubbard



Royal K. Gay

The town of Belchertown dedicates this report to Royal K. Gay who has served the Town over the past years in many capacities. He was a member of the Belchertown Fire Department, Sealer of Weights & Measures, and served in many civic projects. Royal will be remembered by the Town as a person who was always willing to serve when called upon. His services and easy going personality will be missed by all of us.

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Town Officers

Elected Officers

Name	Office	Term Expires
Joseph R. White	Moderator	1979
Carl J. Peterson, Jr.	Town Clerk	1979
Bernard F. Wilkes, Jr.	Board of Selectmen	4/1978
Shirley A. Dorey		1979
Kenneth H. Snow		1979
Richard K. Cook, Sr.		1980
William Gerry Whitlock		1980
Raymond G. Peetz, Jr.		1981
Carl J. Peterson, Jr.	Treasurer	1979
Carl J. Peterson, Jr.	Tax & Town Collector	1980
Sharon L. Chapman	School Committee	1979
William M. Russell		1979
Martha J. Barrett		1980
Dorothy A. Rhodes		1981
George A. Smith, Jr.		1981
Stanford J. Harrington (resigned 10/12/78)	Planning Board	1979
Stephen S. Lanphear (elected 10/30/78)		1979
Donald S. Cole		1980
Bruno B. Land		1981
W. Daniel Fitzpatrick		1982
William M. Cary, Jr.		1983
Sidney T. Wheble	Cemetery Commissioners	4/1978
Paul C. Cook		1979
Daniel W. MacPhee		1980
Floyd R. Peeso		1981
Walter L. Papp	Board of Assessors	1979
Edward O. Lofland		1980
Samuel J. Joyal		1981
Harvey A. Samson	Housing Authority	4/1978
Sophia M. Pero		1979
Edmund F. Wallace		1980
Arlan V. Skinner		1981
Kenneth W. Thayer		1982
Thomas C. Kubacki		1983
Albert W. Brown	Tree Warden	1979
Harry L. Brougham	Sewer Commissioners	1979
Alfred P. Atwood		1980
Ronald E. Blaine		1981
Francis A. Dudek	Board of Health	1979

Linda H. Snow	1980
James A. Bonafini, Sr.	1981
Trustees, Calvin Bridgman Fund	
Kenneth H. Snow	1979
Rachel G. Shumway	1980
Mary M. Locke	1981
Almoners—Whiting Street & Susan M.D. Bridgman Funds	
Virginia M. Hislop	1979
Janet L. Wood	1979
Pathfinder Regional Vocational—Technical High School District Committee Member	
David A. Staples	1981

Appointed Officers

Eleanor W. Moriarty	Town Accountant	6/30/81
Katherine C. Lofland	Assistant Town Accountant	6/30/79
Carol E. Hubbard	Assistant Town Clerk	6/30/79
Margaret S. Kirby	Assistant Town Treasurer	4/79
Carol E. Hubbard (office)	Deputy Collector	12/78
Margaret S. Kirby (office)		12/78
Norman C. Jeffery		12/78
David S. Fredenburgh	Finance Committee	6/30/79
Phyllis A. Foster		6/30/80
Judith A. King		6/30/80
George B. Jackson		6/30/81
Neil S. McCann		6/30/81
Stephen B. Monsein, Attorney	Town Counsel	6/30/79
Ernest M. Gay, Sr.	Chief of Police	6/30/79
Merton L. Pratt	Constable	6/30/78
Ernest M. Gay, Sr.		6/30/79
Robert A. Knight	Sergeant	6/30/78
Raymond R. Menard	Forest Fire Warden	3/31/79
Raymond R. Menard	Fire Chief	3/30/79
Albert L. LePage (resigned 6/13/78)	Superintendent of Streets	6/30/78
Harry A. Dodge	Acting Highway Superintendent	6/30/79
Elbert C. Ulshoeffer, Jr.	Building Inspector	6/30/79

Assistant Building Inspector	
Marcel F. Archambault (appt. 7/17/78)	6/30/79
Inspector of Wiring	
Robert J. Henrichon	6/30/79
Assistant Wiring Inspector	
Edward S. Czech	6/30/79
Special Constable	
Norman C. Jeffery	6/30/79
Dog Officer	
Robert W. Chevalier	6/30/79
Assistant Dog Officer	
Terry R. Chevalier	6/30/79
Gas Inspector	
Richard O. Kimball, Sr.	6/30/79
Assistant Assessor	
Elbert C. Ulshoeffer, Jr.	1/1/79
Pauline C. Johnson	5/1/79
Supt. of Insect Pest Control	
Albert W. Brown	6/30/80
Veterans Services Agent	
Earl F. Henrichon	6/30/79
Sealer of Weights & Measures	
Royal K. Gay (deceased)	6/30/79
Kenneth L. Gay (Appt. 11/27/78)	6/30/79
Zoning By—Law Enforcement Officer	
Elbert C. Ulshoeffer, Jr.	6/30/79
Veterans Graves Officer	
Milton A. Butler	6/30/79
Registrars of Voters	
M. Rose Sorrell	6/30/79
Ethel H. Hawkins	6/30/80
Lillian C. Austin	3/31/81
Election Officers	
Precinct A	
Roberta E. Chevalier (Warden)	6/30/79
Alice M. Burke (Clerk)	6/30/79
Precinct B	
Mary C. Dudek (Warden)	6/30/79
Julia A. Pietryka (Clerk)	6/30/79
Board of Appeals	
Donald R. Laporte	6/30/79
William D. McCarthy	6/30/80
Robert B. MacPherson	6/30/81
Associate Members—Board of Appeals	
E. Dale Cox	6/30/79
Gregory R. Dillard	6/30/79
Patrick D. Kamins	6/30/79
Civil Defense Director	
Thomas P. Blomstrom	6/30/79
Radio Officer	
Robert H. Phoenix	6/30/79
Civil Defense Radio Operator	
Lawrence A. Smith (appt. 10/10/78)	6/30/79
Recreation Director	
Arthur E. Knapp, Jr.	6/30/79

Parks, Beach & Recreation	
Jay Evans	6/30/78
Patricia Burton	6/30/79
June D. Smith	6/30/79
Suzanne Reece	6/30/80
Michael P. Forgue	6/30/81
Allen A. Forsythe (appt. 7/24/78)	6/30/81
War Memorial Committee	
Edward O. Lofland	6/30/79
Alice Samborski	6/30/80
Carl J. Peterson, Jr.	6/30/80
Robert W. Chevalier	6/30/81
Food Stamp Representative	
Louise C. Wadsworth	
Rationing Board	
Wilfred T. Weston	6/30/79
Wilfred N. Ridenour	6/30/80
Arthur J. Moriarty	6/30/81
Public Weighers	
Eva Beaudoin	6/30/78
John H. Murton	6/30/78
Howard R. Beaulieu	6/30/79
Stanford J. Harrington	6/30/79
Joseph W. Tolpa, Jr.	6/30/79
Joseph W. Tolpa, Sr.	6/30/79
Rey Augustine (appt. 9/25/78)	6/30/79
Paul Denner (appt. 9/25/78)	6/30/79
Personnel Board	
JoAnn M. Gavin	6/30/79
Howard Atkins	6/30/80
George D. Greule	6/30/81
Development & Industrial Committee	
Michael J. Geser	6/30/79
Edward H. Parker	6/30/79
Peter G. Burton	6/30/80
Gregory R. Dillard	6/30/80
Owens Taylor	6/30/81
Mary McCollom (appt. 10/10/78)	6/30/81
Conservation Committee	
George Leclerc	6/30/78
John R. Besse, Jr.	6/30/79
Richard M. DeGraaf (resigned 4/5/78)	6/30/79
Gary Taylor (appt. 5/78)	6/30/79
Patricia Guild	6/30/80
Alice Kuc	6/30/80
Marcia E. Walker (resigned 12/21/78)	6/30/80
Robert P. Brooks	6/30/81
Louis B. LaFromboise	6/30/81
Advisory Committee—Holyoke Range (Appt. 5/78)	
Robert P. Brooks	6/30/79
Alice L. Kuc	6/30/79
Lower Pioneer Valley Regional Planning Commission	
Bruno B. Land	6/30/79
Stanford J. Harrington (Alternate)	6/30/78
William M. Cary, Jr. (Alternate)	6/30/79

Lower Pioneer Valley Joint
Transportation Committee

Shirley A. Dorey 6/30/79

Historical Commission

Shirley A. Bock 6/30/79

Gerald G. Tremaine 6/30/79

Sue Bay 6/30/80

Keith Bettencourt 6/30/81

Helen F. Lister 6/30/81

Council on Aging

Irene B. Orlando 6/30/78

Roy King, Sr. 6/30/79

Bradford F. Purdy 6/30/79

William H. Squires, Jr. 6/30/79

Marion Harrington 6/30/80

Helen Renouf 6/30/80

Nancy White 6/30/80

Arlena MacPherson 6/30/81

Stephen Lanphear(resigned 11/10/78) 6/30/81

Mary E. Clauss(appt. 11/20/78) 6/30/81

Jr.Sr. High School Building Committee

Edward H. Gates Final Report

Otto H. McClure Final Report

Neil S. McCann Final Report

Edward H. Parker Final Report

Mary S. Pratt Final Report

Leland V. Corneille (Advisory Member)

Police Candidate Review Committee

Peter G. Burton 6/30/79

Judith A. King 6/30/79

Donald C. McKenney 6/30/79

Ernest M. Gay (ex—officio) 6/30/79

Raymond G. Peetz, Jr. (ex—officio) 6/30/79

Cold Spring School Addition Committee

(appt. 11/7/78)

Keith Bettencourt Project Report

Sharon Chapman Project Report

Janise Fitzpatrick Project Report

Linda Gay Project Report

Jack Hulmes, Jr. Project Report

Patrick Kamins Project Report

Harold Mellin Project Report

Lawrence Barrett(ex—officio)

Sub-Committee—Softball Diamond

(appt. 7/17/78)

Peter Galuszka Final Report

Robert Henrichon Final Report

Arthur Scott Final Report

Richard M. Soloman Final Report

William Wegiel Final Report

Town By-Law Review Committee

(appt. 12/26/78)

Shirley A. Dorey Final Report

Carl J. Peterson, Jr. Final Report

Edna C. Kimball Final Report

Joseph R. White Final Report

POLICE OFFICERS

Chief

Ernest M. Gay, Sr. 6/30/79

Full Time

Robert A. Knight 6/30/79

Ernest M. Gay, Jr. 6/30/79

Roman R. Kucinski 6/30/79

William C. Zobka 6/30/79

Sergeant

Merton L. Pratt 6/30/78

Robert A. Knight 6/30/79

Constable

Merton L. Pratt 6/30/78

Ernest M. Gay, Sr. 6/30/79

Officers

Patricia Antonovitch 6/30/79

Roy Bergeron 6/30/79

Michael Brougham 6/30/78

Alfred H. Burns 6/30/79

David A. Conkey 6/30/79

Edward S. Czech (Church) 6/30/79

Stephen Czupryna 6/30/79

Paul L. DeBettencourt 6/30/79

Thomas M. Dranka 6/30/79

Irene C. Gay 6/30/79

Philip N. Vanasse 6/30/79

Winthrop Kellogg 6/30/79

William D. Beatty, Jr. (appt. 10/10/78) 6/30/79

Kevin P. Donovan (appt. 11/20/78) 6/30/79

Special Police—School Traffic

Patricia Antonovitch 6/30/79

Lillian C. Austin 6/30/79

James R. Lodge 6/30/79

Jane L. Hamel 6/30/79

All other Specials

Ralph Goodreau (S.R.S.Club) 6/30/79

Bernard Griffin (S.R.S.Club) 6/30/79

John Pisarski (S.R.S.Club) 6/30/79

A. Preston Atwood 6/30/79

Robert W. Chevalier 6/30/79

Terry Chevalier 6/30/79

BOARD OF HEALTH APPOINTMENTS

Clerk of Infectious Diseases

Charlotte P. Ketchen 6/30/79

Agent Sanitarian

John A. Brickett 6/30/79

Inspector of Animals

Stanley Antonovitch 6/30/79

Inspector of Plumbing

Edward F. Czupkiewicz 6/30/78

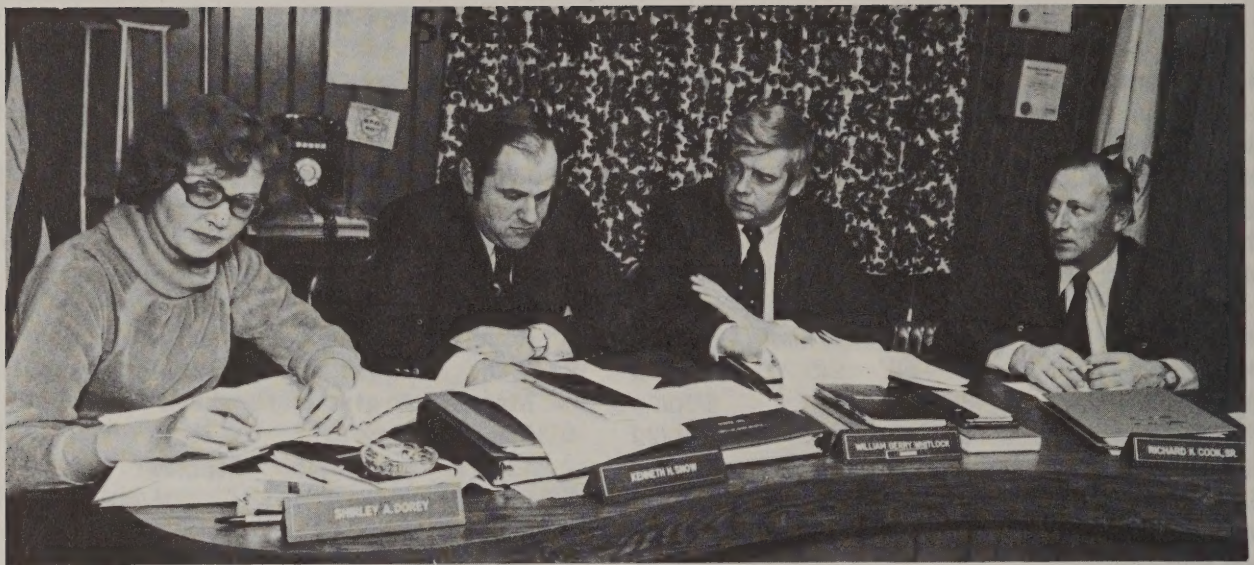
John P. Brunelle 6/30/79

Special Agent at Belchertown State School

Aran Kasparyan, M.D. 6/30/79

Advisor to Board

Kenneth L. Collard, M.D. 6/30/79



Board of Selectmen

Shirley A. Dorey, Kenneth H. Snow, William "Gerry" Whitlock-Chairman, Richard K. Cook, Sr. Missing from photo: Raymond G. Peetz, Jr.

In submitting our annual report for the 1978 calendar year, the Board of Selectmen would like to review with you, the citizens of Belchertown, some of the things we feel have been important to the community. We feel that many of these happenings will make Belchertown a better place to live.

In order to pick our priorities during the year, three meetings were held with all Boards in Town to discuss what some of the most important needs are and which of these needs have priority and should be worked toward first. The top priority coming from these meetings appeared to be the re-evaluating of the elementary schools growth as it has increased greatly over the past few years. The School Committee and the Board of Selectmen jointly appointed a committee known as the Elementary School Addition Committee and at this time we are waiting for a full report from them.

The second top priority which was discussed was the acquisition of approximately 100 acres of land located at the Belchertown State School on the southerly side of Route 202. This land would be set aside for a recreation area and the site for a new school if one should become necessary. An area will also be reserved for the agricultural program at the Pathfinder School.

Other items of priority which were brought to attention was the amount of growth the Town is receiving and the number of building permits issued over the past two years and the effect of this growth on Town services such as water, sewer, and fire and police protection.

It was suggested that the subdivision regulations be

rewritten so that they could be more clearly understood and the requirements would better protect the Town. To follow through on this, the Board of Selectmen and the Planning Board met several times with our engineers, Huntley Associates, and a new set of subdivision regulations were drawn up and approved by the Planning Board. These are now in effect.

We have met with the Board of Sewer Commissioners to discuss and carefully consider the take-over of the state treatment plant. A meeting was set up with a representative of the Belchertown State School to gather any information that they might have with regard to the future expansion of the treatment plant and any updating of the plant. This meeting was attended by the Board of Selectmen, the Board of Sewer Commissioners, and the Belchertown State School. At that time the Town's position was that after the state updates the plant, the Town would like to have our engineer review the status of the plant and classification report from the Water Pollution Control program. It was agreed that all parties would work closely together and that we would meet regularly so that all could be kept up to date.

Other Town services such as water have been discussed during 1978 and several possible sites have been mentioned to have tested for possible purchase by the Town for its future needs. We have also studied the possibility of the Town receiving water from Quabbin and in no way have we given up this idea as we feel that this should be available to us. It should also be one of our top priorities if the water system is to be expanded.

During the year many residents of the north end of Town ran into an extreme shortage of water and the Board of Selectmen is now in the process of negotiating for the expansion of the Amherst water system to meet the needs of these people. We have acquired approval for a 75% grant from the Farmers Home Administration for this water line if the residents so desire to follow that route.

The Board of Selectmen has met with the Telephone Company to ask that the service in this area be improved and that the entire Town be on the same exchange. Hopefully, a follow-up of this meeting will bring better service to our citizens in the near future.

The Board of Selectmen has held many joint meetings with various Boards for various reasons. These meetings are extremely important as we have stressed over the years that this is the way to keep the lines of communication between Town departments open. This communication is essential to the efficiency of our government.

We have met with selectmen from surrounding Towns to see what regional projects we could coordinate which would not only be more efficient for our respective communities but also less expensive. We are now in the process of checking with the Town of Amherst to connect our Fire Department with their dispatch center for area fire departments. There appears to be many merits to this system.

We have also met with the County Commissioners and have been granted funding for our Bay Road project starting from Stebbins Street to Route 9. Hopefully, this will be designed and ready for construction in 1981. The second section of Bay Road was opened to the public this fall and we have received many nice comments on the road.

The Route 181 bridge project has received all approvals from both the federal and state agencies and hopefully, by this coming fall the new route will be built and will be in use. It will certainly be a great improvement from the dry bridge.

The final approval for the reconstruction of Isaac's Corner has been officially made and that project will start this year and will be completed with federal funds.

The new salt shed was acquired through the town's application for a state grant. Belchertown was awarded the salt building which has a value of \$35,000.00. The building has been completed.

Following the purchase in 1977 of the Finnerty House, we have worked throughout the year to completely restore the building to house the Police Department and the offices of the Town Clerk, Collector, and Treasurer. In conjunction with this renovation, new parking facilities were constructed in back of the Finnerty House and at the side of the library.

A Farmers Home Administration Planning grant was

acquired through the efforts of our Town planner. This was in the amount of \$40,000.00 and hopefully through this grant and the involvement of the Citizens Steering Committee, we will come up with recommendations for the future of our community in such fields as planning water, sewer, natural resources, etc. This report should enable us to work toward the future with a complete knowledge of where our needs are and where they will be in later years. Citizen participation in this grant is necessary and hopefully by the data produced, we will be able to acquire new grants in the future.

We have applied for a block grant which we are still waiting to hear more about. We hope that some of these grants will come our way and enable us to fund necessary projects without putting the burden on the taxpayer.

After the annual election in April, the Board of Selectmen reorganized and welcomed their new member, Raymond G. Peetz, Jr. The Selectmen organize under the liaison system which seems to work out very well. This enables the Board to keep better informed on all aspects of our government. Chairman of the Board and liaison to the office is William G. Whitlock, Highway Department is Kenneth H. Snow, Public Safety is Raymond G. Peetz, Jr., Recreation, Council on Aging, and many small committees is Shirley Dorey, and Buildings are under Richard K. Cook, Sr.

We are in the hope that when the citizens of our Town are called upon to participate, that they will do so. We will need everyone's help in the next few years when the Town is really going to feel the growth. By everyone's participation, we can all work together to keep our small town atmosphere and still be progressive and keep up with the times.

We would like to thank all those who worked with us during the year and we look forward to your future involvement through the next year.

The Police Department is one of the departments which is now being expanded to fit the needs of our growing community. In 1978 two new officers were added.

A complete catalog of the house numbers has been plotted so that such departments as fire, police, etc. will have better access to finding our citizens.

We are looking forward to another productive year in 1979.

Respectfully submitted,

Board of Selectmen

William G. Whitlock, Chairman

Richard K. Cook, Sr.

Shirley A. Dorey

Raymond G. Peetz, Jr.

Kenneth H. Snow

Town Accountant's Report

I hereby submit my annual report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1978.

Respectfully submitted,
Eleanor W. Moriarty, Town Accountant

RECEIPTS

GENERAL REVENUE

TAXES

Local	
Property	\$1,681,187.94
Farm Animal Excise	1,090.38
Lieu Taxes	98,823.30
Abatements	2,859.30
State Local Aid Fund	
School Aid	499,346.43
	\$2,283,307.35

LICENSES AND PERMITS

Alcoholic Beverages	4,739.00
All Other	30,792.30
	35,531.30

FINES AND FORFEITS

Court Fines	3,090.25
Court Restitution	178.53
	3,268.78

GRANTS AND GIFTS

Federal	
Revenue Sharing	134,862.00
Antirecessional	532.00
Schools	
Public Law -874	4,400.57
Sewer Construction	17,300.00
	157,094.57

State

Schools	
Transportation	44,295.00
Vocational Ed	577.00
Food Service	45,282.83
Building Assist.	23,250.00
Disadvantaged	1,562.54
Title I & Public Law	26,233.05
Other Purposes	
Sewer Construction	3,483.00
Highways, Transit	61,734.96
Highways Ch. 497	57,212.60
Library Aid	2,385.38

Title 3 & L.S.C.A.	1,161.10
Lottery	78,062.89
	345,240.35

County

Dog Fund	4,232.11
Gifts	225.00
	4,457.11

ALL OTHER GENERAL REVENUE

Reimbursements	
Bus Shelter	121.29
CETA Project	15,962.63
CETA W.C. Insur.	518.00
	16,601.92

SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS

Sewer Connections	450.00
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PRIVILEGES

Motor Vehicle	240,661.26
Trailer	22,272.00
Pole Orders	64.00
	262,997.26

DEPARTMENTAL

General Government	
Selectmen	122.45
Treasurer	1.00
Collector	1,788.43
Assessors	112.12
Town Clerk	3,620.43
Public Works	12,856.01
Insp. of Bldgs.	366.00
Planning Board	3,260.00
Board of Appeals	195.00
Other	4,207.54
Conservation Comm.	50.00
Buildings	205.00
	26,783.98

Public Safety

Police Dept.	6,743.28
Sealer, Weights	352.25
Dog Officer	95.00
	7,190.53

Health & Sanitation

Board of Health	\$3,380.00
Sewer Rentals	11,151.74
Refuse Disposal	667.50
Salvage & Stumps	260.24
	15,459.48

Highways		
General	3,643.65	
Sale of Truck	<u>1,333.33</u>	
		4,976.98
Veterans' Services		10,014.99
Schools		
Industrial Arts	152.70	
Sale of Books	57.32	
Food Services	51,221.82	
Athletics	1,614.50	
Band Revolving	225.00	
Pay Phone	<u>100.04</u>	
		53,371.38
Recreation		
Swimming Lessons		316.00
Unclassified		
Property Damage	850.38	
Right of Way	<u>20.00</u>	
		870.38
Cemeteries		
Sale of Lots	1,235.00	
Care of Lots	465.00	
Burials	<u>2,595.00</u>	

INTEREST		4,295.00
On Deposits	26,916.62	
On Taxes	7,544.10	
On Motor Vehicles	643.64	
On Investments	197.52	
On Trust Funds	437.40	
Revenue Sharing	10,847.52	
Antirecessional	<u>700.91</u>	
		47,287.71
MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS		
Temporary Loans		43,884.00
AGENCY, TRUST, INVESTMENT		
Licenses for State	8,931.00	
Dog Licenses	4,399.35	
Payroll Deductions		
Federal	217,751.30	
State	79,086.10	
Insurance	34,763.99	
Retirement	84,073.95	
Other	763.00	
Schools	20,266.79	
Trust		
Other Public Trust	<u>1,279.45</u>	
		451,314.93

REFUNDS	
Special Assessments	922.58
Gen'l Government	738.56
Health & Sanitation	106.08
Veterans' Benefits	2,206.50
Schools	279.09
Libraries	145.80
Recreation	16.68
Unclassified	406.54
Other	86.84
Revenue Sharing	174.24
Petty Cash	<u>225.00</u>

	5,307.91
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$3,780,021.91
Balance 7/1/77 General	763,141.71
Balance 7/1/77 F.R.S.	247,152.65
Balance 7/1/77 Antirecessional	<u>18,054.12</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS & CASH ON HAND	<u>\$4,808,370.39</u>

EXPENDITURES

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

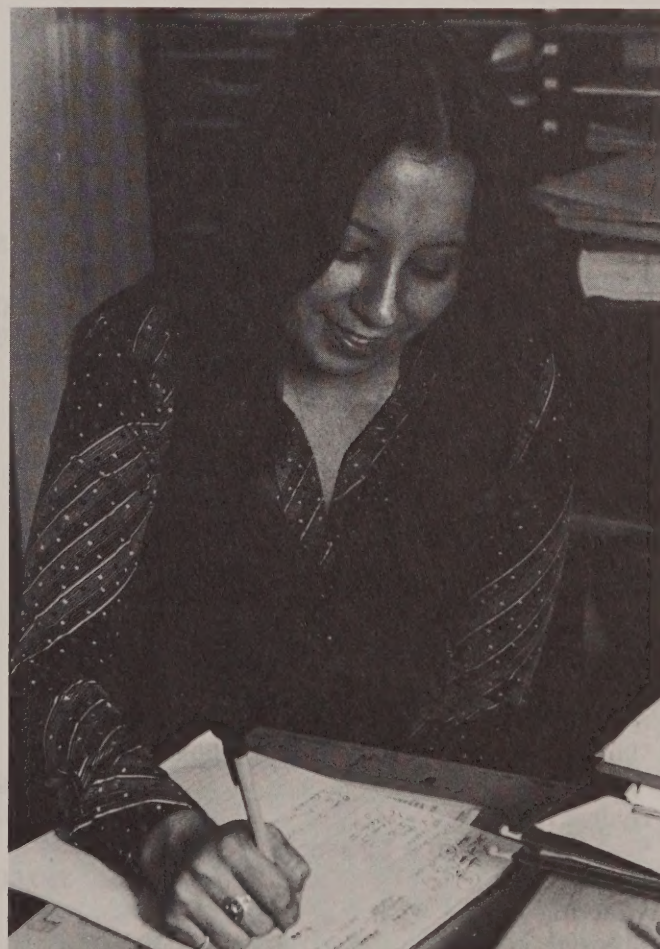
Moderator	\$ 25.00
Selectmen	
Salaries	6,300.00

Town Accountant
Eleanor W. Moriarty

Expenses:			Junior Clerk Wage	7,301.73
Telephone	918.20		Maint. Valuation Wage	1,154.00
Mileage, Meetings, Dues	3,165.91		Expenses:	
Office Supplies	572.47		Postage, Box Rent	317.52
Postage, Box Rent	459.02		Office Supplies	728.08
Advertising	251.93		Transfer, Deeds	361.25
Home Rule	19.10		Telephone	285.93
		5,386.63	Dues, Meetings, Mlg.	1,012.23
Town Accountant/Secretary			Service Agreement	111.78
Salary		9,422.18	Copies & Advertising	30.85
Wage		7,700.98	Repairs	50.35
Expenses:			App. File. Maint. Agreement	2,011.68
Dues, Meetings, Mileage	346.93		Enc. File Maint. Agreement	1,475.48
Office Supplies & Postage	529.00		Mapping	1,600.00
Service Agreements	315.43		Encumbered Mapping	1,000.00
School	320.00			
Repairs	31.72			8,985.15
Out of State Travel	185.80		Finance Committee	
		1,728.88	Wage	38.50
Town Clerk, Collector,			Expenses:	
Treasurer Salary		12,000.00	Dues	70.00
Assistant Treasurer Wage		9,474.30	Supplies	10.75
Assistant Clerk Wage		8,497.97		80.75
Junior Clerk's Wage		8,819.26	Law Account	
Treasurer Expenses:			Retainer Fee	4,000.00
Postage	1,200.00		Books	158.50
Office Supplies	472.95		Services	99.75
Dues, Meetings, Mileage	53.12		Dues	35.00
Meter Rental	137.25		Appraisal	150.00
Maint. Agreement	163.50			4,443.25
Filing & Cert. Fee	40.00		Special Law Account	
Repairs	264.80		Legal Services	1,314.00
Bond	412.00		Election & Registration	
		2,743.62	Clerk Registrar Wage	150.00
Collector Expenses:			Clerical Wage	667.36
Postage	1,446.00		Registrar Wage	1,820.25
Office Supplies	986.77		Street Listing Wage	1,164.15
Dues, Meetings, Mileage	92.06		Other Wage	761.77
Maint. Agreement	704.68		Posting	20.00
Repairs	117.00		Expenses:	
Rental Mailing Equipment	146.55		Office Supplies	668.88
Bond	547.00		Meals, Mileage	134.90
		4,040.06	Postage	150.00
Town Clerk Expenses:			Repairs	38.80
Postage, Box Rent	410.00		Ballots	353.75
Telephone	342.28			1,346.33
Dues, Meetings, Mlg.	108.16		Planning Board	
Office Supplies, Books	608.47		Wage	2,184.00
Maint. Agreement	125.00		Consultant	4,335.80
Bond	40.00		Expenses:	
Advertising	22.70		Telephone	254.81
Repairs	15.00		Office Supplies	108.48
		1,671.61	Copies & Advertising	351.14
Assessors Salaries		2,600.00	Dues, Meetings, Mileage	108.10
Assistant Assessor Wage		9,180.42	Postage	83.81
				906.34

Maintenance/Groundskeeper	
Wage	12,856.01
Expenses:	
Mileage	171.37
Supplies	108.48
Gas	451.78
Vehicle Maint., Tires	<u>268.02</u>
	999.65
Board of Appeals	
Wage	322.05
Expenses:	
Advertising	98.77
Supplies	<u>15.97</u>
	114.74
Historical Commission	
Supplies	76.98
Mileage	<u>338.52</u>
	415.50
Conservation Commission	
Advertising, Supplies	305.19
Consultant	5.00
Postage	2.00
Dues, Subscription	<u>100.00</u>
	412.19
Council on Aging	
Wage	13,592.88
Payroll	4,207.54
Expenses:	
Telephone	833.95
Gas, Mileage	981.75
Supplies	474.23
Postage	91.36
Rent	2,025.00
Copies	145.39
Dues	50.00
Repair	24.46
Tires	<u>170.00</u>
	4,796.14
Lawrence Memorial Hall	
Electric	968.99
Maintenance & Repair	1,198.88
Cleaning, Supplies, Material	572.50
Services	20.00
Carpet	<u>252.00</u>
	3,012.37
Town Garage	
Telephone	526.27
Electric	1,338.73
Heat	3,806.92
Repair, Maintenance	338.16
Cleaner Rental	194.25
Supplies, Equipment	962.94
Radio Service	78.25
Service Agreement	<u>53.40</u>
	7,298.92

Old Town Hall	
Electric	610.02
Heat	2,344.96
Repairs	375.26
Supplies	<u>596.46</u>
	3,926.70
Finnerty House	
Heat	56.86
Forest Management Project	
Clerical Wage	1,525.00
Expenses:	
Supplies	3,856.90
Gas	148.76
Training	2,210.70
Insurance	7,341.84
Copies	53.84
Repairs	180.65
Clothing	<u>231.00</u>
	14,023.69
Town Common	
Wage	100.73
Expenses:	
Care of Grounds	1,147.00



**Assistant Accountant
Katherine C. Lofland**

Supplies	461.30		Dog Officer		
Electric	<u>48.36</u>		Wage		885.00
		1,656.66	Mileage		275.66
Town Clock			Gas Inspector		
Wage		400.00	Wage		125.00
Expenses			Expenses:		
Motor		46.87	Mileage	31.94	
Noland Case Settlement		350.00	Supplies	<u>25.61</u>	
					57.55
PUBLIC SAFETY			Wiring Inspector		
Police Department			Inspector Wage		3,095.00
Chief's Salary	15,791.17		Asst. Inspector Wage		560.00
Full Time Wage	27,344.93		Expenses:		
Part Time Wage	36,246.27		Mileage	918.07	
Ambulance Training	1,228.53		Supplies	<u>81.93</u>	
School Crossing Guards	3,058.25				1,000.00
Expenses:			Civil Defense		
Telephone	2,261.98		Salary		350.00
Radio-Maint./Repair	2,274.55		Expenses:		
Gas & Oil	9,859.13		Gas	15.88	
Vehicle Maintenance	3,887.77		Maintenance, Repair	<u>133.24</u>	
Office Supplies	1,420.37				149.12
Uniforms, Badges	1,304.18		Building Inspector		
Dues, Meetings, Mlg.	714.06		Salary		10,183.05
Pistol Permits	100.00		Expenses:		
Film, Photographer, Equipment	1,247.30		Postage	36.00	
Postage, Box Rent	326.00		Supplies	209.60	
School	75.00		Meetings, Dues	997.18	
Ambulance Equipment	1,498.15		Telephone	31.66	
Miscellaneous	<u>108.26</u>		Engineering Copies	32.70	
		25,076.75	Consultant	<u>2,724.70</u>	
Fire Department					4,031.84
Chief's Salary	1,000.00		Insect Pest Control		
Wage	4,564.09		Hired Equipment	1,377.00	
Expenses:			Contracted Services	210.00	
Telephone	1,113.86		Materials	<u>211.75</u>	
Electric	580.32				1,798.75
Heat	483.61		Dutch Elm Disease		
Radio-Maint./Repair	445.47		Wage		853.55
Supplies, Equipment	3,142.96		Brown Wage		728.00
Gas	535.38		Expenses:		
Postage	26.00		Hired Equipment	778.50	
Dues, Mlg., Subscrip.	120.86		Contracted Service	<u>144.00</u>	
Maint./Repair	1,075.14				922.50
Water Storage Holes	341.00		Tree Warden		
Snow Plowing	143.75		Wage		1,380.85
Uniforms	<u>683.94</u>		Brown Wage		1,116.00
		8,692.29	Expenses:		
Hydrant Service		5,950.00	Hired Equipment	1,210.50	
Sealer of Weights & Measures			Trees	465.00	
Salary		350.00	Meetings, Dues, Mlg.	53.80	
Expenses:			Contracted Service	144.00	
Mileage	87.50		Material	<u>41.30</u>	
Dues	10.00				1,914.60
Supplies	<u>47.50</u>				
		145.00			

HEALTH & SANITATION

Board of Health	
Salaries	700.00
Wages:	
Clinics, Clerical	70.00
Perc Test, Inspection	2,796.00
Sanitarian	600.00
Animal Inspector	314.52
Plumbing Inspector	1,945.60
Clk. Infectious disease	100.00
Expenses:	
Sanitarian	360.00
Pest Control	120.00
Postage, Office Supplies	137.53
Nurse Service	4,682.00
Flu-Polio Clinic	195.00
Meals, Mileage	849.96
Mental Health Assoc.	1,416.00
	<u>13,586.61</u>
Sewer Commissioners	
Salaries	1,250.00
Sewer Maintenance	
Wage	943.00
Clerical Wage	253.70
Expenses:	
Hired Equipment	288.00
Supplies, Material	299.25
1976 BSS Bill	15,186.44
1977 BSS Bill	17,926.39
Water Truck	60.00
Sewer Consultant	9,044.81
	<u>42,804.89</u>
Sanitary Landfill Area	
Wage	13,258.72
Expenses:	
Materials, Supplies	688.17
Advertising, Printing	96.45
	<u>784.62</u>
HIGHWAYS	
Superintendent's Salary	13,293.05
General Wage & Benefits	45,809.99
Tree Removal Wage	241.00
Expenses:	
Rubbish Removal	1,040.00
Materials, Supplies	5,934.31
Street Painting	1,822.75
Uniforms	2,568.50
Advertising	401.58
Street Sweeping	7,539.00
Hired Equipment	1,479.50
Mowing	420.00
Radio	595.00
Brushcutting	6,414.55
	<u>28,215.19</u>
Chapter 765	
Wage	5,536.18

Expenses:	
Hired Wage	94.00
Hired Equipment	17,443.00
Material	8,889.02
	<u>26,426.02</u>
Streets	
Wage	7,376.77
Expenses:	
Hired Wage	654.10
Hired Equipment	3,258.00
Material	18,135.94
	<u>22,048.04</u>
Sidewalks	
Wage	1,963.40
Expenses:	
Hired Equipment	548.00
Material	1,297.35
	<u>1,845.35</u>
Bridges & Culverts	
Wage	755.11
Expenses:	
Material	3,786.11
	<u>4,541.22</u>
Snow Removal	
Wage	18,082.74
Expenses:	
Hired Equipment	21,822.50
Salt	11,197.14
Sand	7,319.40
Materials	63.40
Cutting Edge	793.02
Advertising	68.78
	<u>41,264.24</u>
Payroll	
Stebbins Street Drainage	238.98
Bay Road Drainage	1,168.97
Cottage Street Drainage	1,877.01
Salt Shed	15.75
Road Machinery Expense	
Diesel Fuel	2,156.07
Fuel Tax	389.06
Garage Repairs	15,445.19
Gas	9,426.57
In-House Repairs	4,648.07
Tires	2,566.52
Parts, Supplies	1,187.91
Advertising	53.90
Radio	94.85
Surplus Equipment	300.00
Miscellaneous	30.10
	<u>36,298.24</u>
Street Lighting	14,911.68
VETERAN'S DEPARTMENT	
Veterans' Agent	
Salary	2,100.00

Wage	457.25
Expenses:	
Postage	56.00
Supplies, Dues	24.22
Benefits:	
OB	11,161.80
Heat	416.50
Doctor/Nurse	347.00
Medicine	176.01
Hospital	1,657.77
Hot Water Tank	218.50
	<u>14,057.80</u>

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

General Control #1000	
Salaries	40,637.35
Expenses:	
Meetings, Dues, Mlg.	1,684.34
Office Supplies, Postage	1,367.65
Maintenance, Supplies	10.56
Advertising	370.07
Rentals	138.00
Liability Policy	515.00
Workshops	20.00
Out of State Travel	200.00
	<u>4,305.62</u>

Instruction #2000	
Salaries	1,065,734.87
Encumbered Salaries	104,802.42
Expenses:	
Postage, Box Rent	2,136.00
Workshop	1,962.84
Office Supplies	2,356.12



Chapter 766	8,559.69
Travel, Dues	5,609.40
Supplies	5,609.75
Credit Courses	1,697.40
Rental	103.00
Repairs	49.10
Driver Education	2,310.00

Evaluation Committee	2,986.47
Out of State Travel	864.63
Books	<u>37,474.21</u>
	112,945.41

Other School Services #3000	
Professional Salaries	19,664.89
Non-Professional Salaries	20,532.53
Encumbered Salaries	1,478.84

Expenses:	
Transportation	110,277.02
Cleaning & Towels	3,144.27
Supplies	3,971.54
Officials, Field Trips	17,905.57
Chapter 766	803.50
Meetings, Mileage, Dues	183.96
Postage	<u>120.92</u>
	136,406.78

Operating & Maintenance #4000	
Salaries	86,685.39

Expenses:	
Telephone	8,384.16
Electric	23,500.65
Heat	33,536.73
Gas	6,849.91
Care of Grounds	6,243.50
Maintenance, Repair	29,154.43
Cold Spring School Parking	342.94
Cleaning & Supplies	28,037.88
Rubbish Removal	996.00
Water	934.04
Equipment	2,381.74
Postage	100.00
Vehicle Maintenance	222.94
Dues	25.00
Agreements	6,703.18
Band Building	3,071.76
Rental	<u>34.05</u>
	150,518.91

Fixed Assets #7000	
Electronic	7,225.57
Furniture/Misc.	6,588.30
Music	<u>2,001.40</u>
	15,815.27

Programs w/Other Schools #9000	
Tuition	1,993.04
Transportation	10,050.23
Ch. 766 Transp.	11,054.04
Ch. 766 Tuition	6,836.31
Chapter 766	19,076.86
EPA Tuition	<u>80.50</u>
	49,090.98

Clapp Memorial Library	
Wage	8,096.35
Expenses:	
Dues, Mileage	65.52
Books	<u>2,586.91</u>

Telephone	210.59		Clerical Wage	1,560.00	
Heat	1,992.00		Other Wage	1,225.50	
Electric	666.05		Expenses:		
Insurance	947.00		Care of Grounds	12,169.50	
Care of Grounds	302.00		Repairs	119.00	
Supplies	424.12		Supplies/Equipment	468.24	
Service Agreement	239.00		Postage	13.00	
Rental	22.00		Advertising	48.11	
Repair	80.75		Open/Close	1,554.00	
		7,535.94			14,371.85
RECREATION AND UNCLASSIFIED			Veteran's Graves		
Parks, Beach, Recreation			Flags	150.00	
Director Salary		8,517.00	Footings	210.00	
Wages:					360.00
Swim Instructor	1,138.50		INTEREST & MATURING DEBT		
Lifeguard	3,268.72		Interest		
Baseball	866.40		1963 School Loan	9,067.50	
Other	1,857.87		Note 287	58.26	
Encumbered	121.20				9,125.76
		7,252.69	Maturing Debt		
Parks, Beach, Recreation			1963 School Loan		45,000.00
Expenses:			PETTY CASH		
Telephone	696.02		Schools	225.00	
Electric	242.01		Investment General Cash		100,000.00
Care of Grounds	946.41		REFUNDS		
Equip./Supplies	4,621.10		Current Year		
Maint./Repairs	273.22		Real Estate	19,549.63	
Postage	74.17		Personal	51.35	
Printing/Adv.	213.25		Motor Vehicle 1977	3,581.78	
Meetings, Mileage	545.76		Motor Vehicle 1978	1,631.20	
Swim, Babe Ruth	233.00				24,813.96
Cold Spring School			Previous Year		
Little League	379.69		Real Estate	1,614.87	
		8,224.63	Motor Vehicle	463.03	
Town Appropriations					2,077.90
Pensions	52,766.80		DOG OFFICER FEES		
Group Life	2,681.65		Care & Custody	3,740.00	
Health	66,728.26		Destroy	374.00	
		122,176.71			4,114.00
Insurance		54,086.00	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS		
Unclassified Account			Federal Withholding	218,188.50	
3M Paper & Acc.	1,254.75		Retirement	25,380.04	
3M Maint. Agree	245.00		State Withholding	79,248.33	
WATS Telephone	2,515.39		Blue Cross - Employee	23,351.70	
Photographer	56.50		Blue Cross - Pensioner	174.30	
Citizen Award	30.50		Blue Cross - OME	2,514.77	
		4,102.14	Group Life	992.39	
Unclassified Section			Cancer Care	1,880.50	
Unpaid Bills	368.47		Valley Health Plan	5,307.18	
Pathfinder	92,841.79		Highway Union Dues	763.00	
Town Report	4,159.13		Teacher Annuities	11,770.62	
Patriotic Exercise	142.00		Teacher Retirement	57,990.36	
		97,511.39	Teacher Dues	8,011.30	
CEMETERIES			Secretary-Aide Dues	965.30	
Cemetery Commissioners					436,538.29
Salary		800.00			

STATE AND COUNTY ASSESSMENTS

State Recreation Area	21,656.23
Motor Vehicle Bills	663.15
LPV Air Pollution	646.33
County Tax	142,094.00
LPV Regional Planning	558.48

AGENCY, TRUST, INVESTMENT

Agency	
Sporting Licenses	8,931.00
Dog Licenses	4,435.55
Trust	
Cemetery Perpetual Care-Bequests	465.00
Susan M.D. Bridgman Poor Fund	1,625.78
Nellie E. Brown Cemetery Fund	20.00
Whiting Street Poor Fund	71.07

PUBLIC LAW FUNDS

Title III-Council on Aging	548.24
Title I LSCA Library	921.15
Title I 1977-78 School Year	23,380.00
EPA Grant-Sewer Project	7,015.86
Title IV-B ESEA Expense	374.80
Title IV-B P.L.93-380	4,440.94
School Lunch	
Wage	20,164.20
Expenses:	
Tax	451.77
Food	60,012.74
Supplies	7,305.17
Trucking	1,003.48
Maint.	211.06
Laundry	510.15
Workshop	110.00
	69,604.37
Stabilization Fund	150,000.00

REVOLVING FUNDS

Police	3,756.50
Athletic	1,836.22
Industrial Arts	335.84
Lost Book	54.17

FEDERAL REVENUE SHARING

Dump Truck	15,941.65
Police Cruiser	11,498.66
Finnerty House	36,074.65
Collector File	200.00
Selectmen Typewriter	747.00
Bandstand Renovations	82.48

Music Room	60,451.57
Ambulance Training/EMT Payroll	1,383.21
PBR - Stero & Records	506.56
Highways - Maintenance	15,022.42
Police Photocopy Machine	625.00
Cemetery File	108.00
Bay Road Drainage	6,864.37
Highways - Sander	4,970.00
Highways - Gas Pump Key Box	754.00
Fire Hose	2,510.00
Cold Spring School Parking Lot	460.36
Police - Record Filing System	1,412.00
PBR - Tables	150.00
Building Inspector Print File	160.00
Cottage Street Drainage	4,996.39
Stebbins Street Drainage	536.67
Old Town Hall	
Expansion Program	1,199.99
Sanitary Landfill Reconstruction	600.00
Assessors - Typewriter	652.50
Police - Ambulance	20,000.00
Isaac's Corner Landtaking	3,800.00
Memorial School Fire Alarm	31.78
Fire Department -	
Uniforms/Equipment	2,100.00
Fire - Air Units	2,520.00
Fire - Air Purification System	7,629.85
Police - Portable Radios	143.00
Red Bridge Repairs	795.24
Highways - Bucket Loader	34,500.00
Cold Spring School	
Little League Diamond	1,000.00
Salt Shed	300.62
Summit Street Drainage	4,520.46
Parks - Locker	75.00
Dog Officer - Traps & Catches	109.08
Police - Typewriter,	
Desk & Chairs	1,224.00

246,656.51

ANTIRECESSIONAL

Maintenance - Payroll	12,856.01
Council on Aging - Payroll	4,207.54
Part Time Police - Payroll	948.25

18,011.80

TOTAL EXPENDITURES

Balance 6/30/78 General	4,211,204.51
Balance 6/30/78 FRS	449,510.75
Balance 6/30/78 AR	146,379.90
	1,275.23
Total Expenditure & Cash	4,808,370.39

TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN
Balance Sheet - June 30, 1978

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

Assets

Liabilities & Reserves

Cash:			Temporary Loans:		
General			In Anticipation of Reimbursement	\$43,884.00	
In Banks & Office	\$449,510.75		State & County Assessments:		
Invested In:			County Tax Assessment	\$ 922.58	
Certificates of Deposit	100,000.00		Special Ed. Chapter 766	4,147.00	
		\$549,510.75			5,069.58
Accounts Receivable:			Payroll Deductions:		
Taxes			Retirement	3,195.60	
Levy of 1969			Teachers' Retirement	3,900.38	
Personal Property		6.90	Teachers' Annuities	910.28	
Levy of 1970			Group Medical Insurances	4,319.23	
Personal Property		55.20	Group Life Insurance	157.21	
Levy of 1971					12,482.70
Personal Property		688.80	Agency:		
Levy of 1972			County Dog Licenses		271.45
Personal Property		577.30	Tailings:		
Levy of 1973			Unclaimed Checks		320.14
Personal Property		836.68	Gifts & Bequests:		
Levy of 1974			Ambulance Fund		274.96
Personal Property		456.50	Investment Funds:		
Levy of 1975			To be Invested:		
Personal Property	1,241.10		Conservation Fund		3,186.24
Real Estate	1,371.60		Federal Grants:		
		2,612.70	Schools:		
Levy of 1976			Public Law 92-380	14.26	
Personal Property	2,884.05		Public Law 93-380	4.15	
Real Estate	16,343.45		Public Law 93-380	301.36	
		19,227.50	Public Law 89-10	5.69	
Levy of 1977			Public Law 89-10	9.82	
Personal Property	3,627.42		ESEA 1976-77 School Year	.86	
Real Estate	32,859.44				336.14
		36,486.86	Miscellaneous:		
Levy of 1978			Title III Council on Aging		.24
Personal Property	5,677.59		State Grants:		
Real Estate	124,830.71		Local Growth Policy		450.00
		130,508.30	Revolving Funds:		
Motor Vehicle Excise			School Lunch	7,758.86	
Levy of 1970	2,634.81		Athletics	8.75	
Levy of 1971	4,985.64		Industrial Arts	192.71	
Levy of 1972	6,625.74		Band	535.48	
Levy of 1973	9,073.52		Lost & Damaged Books	21.52	
Levy of 1974	8,080.30		Police Off Duty Work Detail	18.00	
Levy of 1975	8,041.11				8,535.32
Levy of 1976	7,957.98		Appropriation Balances		
Levy of 1977	25,388.33		Revenue:		
Levy of 1978	26,029.26		General	167,545.10	
		98,816.69	Non Revenue:		
Special Assessments:			Jr.-Sr. High School	1,688.30	
Sewer			Interceptor Sewer	2,231.61	
Levy of 1977		1,008.45			171,465.01

Special Taxes		Loans Authorized & Unissued	850,000.00
Farm Animal Excise		Overestimates of 1978:	
Levy of 1976	163.50	County Tax	5,707.01
Levy of 1977	204.50	Sale of Real Estate	3,363.68
	368.00	Sale of Cemetery Lots	385.00
Tax Titles & Tax Possessions		Receipts Reserved for Appropriation:	
Tax Titles	16,096.85	Road Machinery Earnings	271.35
Tax Possessions	2,119.19	Reserve Fund-Overlay Surplus	4,200.05
	18,216.04	Overlay Reserved for Abatement:	
Departmental:		Levy of 1970	55.20
Highways & Miscellaneous	4,418.67	Levy of 1971	688.80
Veterans' Services	9,223.64	Levy of 1972	577.30
	13,642.31	Levy of 1973-74	1,293.18
Aid to Highways		Levy of 1975	2,612.70
State	115,040.00	Levy of 1976	7,978.03
Aid to Sewer Project		Levy of 1977	14,260.01
Federal	201,766.00		27,465.22
State	34,877.00	Revenues Reserved until Collected:	
	236,643.00	Motor Vehicle Excise	98,816.69
Due from County		Farm Animal Excise	368.00
Dog Officer Fees	3,794.00	Special Assessments	1,008.45
Revenue to 1979	3,129,435.12	Tax Titles & Possessions	18,216.04
Loans Authorized	850,000.00	Departmental	13,642.31
Unprovided for or Overdrawn Accounts:		Aid to Highways	73,616.00
Underestimates of 1978:		Aid to Sewers	236,643.00
State Recreational Areas	788.70		442,310.49
L.P.V. Air Pollution Dist.	33.33	Surplus Revenue	445,570.69
L.P.V. Regional Planning	558.48	Appropriations Control Account	3,198,268.67
	1,380.51		<u>\$5,223,817.94</u>
Overlay Deficit:			
Overlay of 1978	14,506.33		
	<u>\$5,223,817.94</u>		

FEDERAL REVENUE SHARING ACCOUNTS

Assets

Special Cash	\$146,379.90
Due from Public Law #92-512	
Entitlement Period 5	\$ 1,905.00
Entitlement Period 6	17,486.01
Entitlement Period 7	30,238.87
	49,629.88
Due from Public Law #94-488	
Entitlement Period 8	52,044.89
Entitlement Period 9	22,684.38
	74,729.27
	<u>\$270,739.05</u>

Liabilities & Reserves

Federal Grants:

Public Law #92-512	
Entitlement Period 5	\$ 2,026.77
Entitlement Period 6	22,986.06
Entitlement Period 7	30,915.22
	\$ 55,928.05
Public Law #94-488	
Entitlement Period 8	53,544.64
Entitlement Period 9	36,907.21
	90,451.85
Appropriation Balances	124,359.15
	<u>\$270,739.05</u>

ANTIRECESSIONAL REVENUE

Assets

Special Cash	<u>\$ 1,275.23</u>
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Liabilities and Reserves

Public Law #94-369 Title II	<u>\$ 1,275.23</u>
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TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

Assets

Liabilities and Reserves

Trust and Investment Funds:		Cemetery Perpetual Care	\$ 47,904.78
Cash and Securities	\$535,716.50	Stabilization Fund	411,256.64
	<u>\$535,716.50</u>	Susan M.D. Bridgman Cemetery Fund	849.38
		Nellie E. Brown Cemetery Fund	1,671.75
		Calvin Bridgman Library Fund	5,219.29
		George D. Longley Music Fund	2,248.32
		Calvin Bridgman High School Fund	7,728.82
		Whiting Street Poor Fund	16,289.93
		Susan M.D. Bridgman Poor Fund	40,163.51
		Willard Stebbins Cemetery Fund	1,801.12
		Vienna E. Somes Cemetery Fund	582.96
			<u>\$535,716.50</u>

DEBT ACCOUNTS June 30, 1978

	Loan Issued	Rate	Outstanding 7/1/77	Paid in 77-78	Outstanding 6/30/78	Due in Fiscal 1979
New Jr.-Sr. High School Loan	1973	3.1	\$315,000.00	\$45,000.00	\$270,000.00	\$45,000.00

DEBT STATEMENT June 30, 1978

Net Funded or Fixed Debt:		Serial Loans:	
Outside Debt Limit		Outside Debt Limit	
General,	<u>\$270,000.00</u>	School Building Loan 1963	<u>\$270,000.00</u>

APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES FOR FISCAL 1978

	Balance Forward 6-30-77	Appro- riations ATM-STM	Refunds Transfers Adjustments	Amount Available Expenditure	Expended by Warrant	Expended by Journal	Unex- pended Balance	Balance to 1979
GENERAL GOVERNMENT								
Moderator	\$ -0-	\$ 35.00	\$ -0-	\$ 35.00	\$ 25.00	\$ -0-	\$ 10.00	\$ -0-
Selectmen-Salaries	-0-	6,300.00	-0-	6,300.00	6,300.00	-0-	-0-	-0-
- Expense	-0-	5,400.00	630.00	6,030.00	5,386.63	-0-	643.37	-0-
Town Accountant/Secretary - Salary	-0-	10,140.00	-0-	10,140.00	9,422.18	-0-	717.82	-0-
- Wage	-0-	8,396.00	-0-	8,396.00	7,700.98	-0-	695.02	-0-
- Expense	-0-	1,550.00	10.20	1,560.20	1,543.08	-0-	17.12	-0-
- Out of State Travel	-0-	200.00	-0-	200.00	185.80	-0-	14.20	-0-
Town Clerk, Collector, Treasurer-Salary	-0-	12,000.00	-0-	12,000.00	12,000.00	-0-	-0-	-0-
- Wage	-0-	27,005.00	-0-	27,005.00	26,791.53	-0-	213.47	-0-
Treasurer - Expense	-0-	2,840.00	20.40	2,860.40	2,743.62	-0-	116.78	-0-
Collector - Expense	-0-	4,045.00	-0-	4,045.00	4,040.06	-0-	4.94	-0-
Town Clerk - Expense	-0-	1,673.00	-0-	1,673.00	1,671.61	-0-	1.39	-0-
Assessors - Salary	-0-	2,600.00	-0-	2,600.00	2,600.00	-0-	-0-	-0-
Asst. Assessor - Wage	-0-	9,181.00	-0-	9,181.00	9,180.42	-0-	.58	-0-
Junior Clerk - Wage	-0-	7,302.00	-0-	7,302.00	7,301.73	-0-	.27	-0-
Assessors - Wage	-0-	1,000.00	154.00	1,154.00	1,154.00	-0-	-0-	-0-
- Expense	-0-	9,400.00	771.10	10,171.10	6,509.67	-0-	3,661.43	3,661.43
- Police & Fire Card Index	-0-	300.00	-0-	300.00	-0-	-0-	300.00	300.00
- Encumbered Mapping	1,000.00	-0-	-0-	1,000.00	1,000.00	-0-	-0-	-0-
- Encumbered Appraisal File	1,476.13	-0-	-0-	1,476.13	1,475.48	-0-	.65	-0-
Law Account	-0-	5,600.00	-0-	5,600.00	4,443.25	-0-	1,156.75	-0-
Special Law Account	-0-	100.00	1,223.00	1,323.00	1,314.00	-0-	9.00	-0-
Finance Committee	-0-	200.00	-0-	200.00	119.25	-0-	80.75	-0-
Election & Registration - Salary	-0-	150.00	-0-	150.00	150.00	-0-	-0-	-0-
- Wage	-0-	6,350.00	-0-	6,350.00	4,433.53	500.00	1,416.47	-0-
- Expense	-0-	1,500.00	-0-	1,500.00	1,346.33	-0-	153.67	-0-

Planning Board - Wage	-0-	3,000.00	-0-	3,000.00	2,184.00	650.00	166.00	-0-
- Expense	-0-	5,650.00	-0-	5,650.00	5,242.14	-0-	407.86	-0-
- Out of State Travel	-0-	50.00	-0-	50.00	-0-	-0-	50.00	-0-
- Subdivision Regulation Consultant	-0-	1,000.00	-0-	1,000.00	-0-	-0-	1,000.00	1,000.00
Board of Appeals - Wage	-0-	800.00	-0-	800.00	322.05	-0-	477.95	-0-
- Expense	-0-	300.00	-0-	300.00	114.74	-0-	185.26	-0-
Conservation Commission - Wage	-0-	100.00	-0-	100.00	-0-	-0-	100.00	-0-
Conservation Commission - Expense	-0-	200.00	220.00	420.00	412.19	-0-	7.81	-0-
Council on Aging - Wage	-0-	13,370.00	222.88	13,592.88	13,592.88	-0-	-0-	-0-
- Payroll	-0-	-0-	4,207.54	4,207.54	4,207.54	-0-	-0-	-0-
- Expense	-0-	4,810.00	-0-	4,810.00	4,796.14	-0-	13.86	-0-
Maintenance/Groundskeeper - Payroll	-0-	-0-	12,856.01	12,856.01	12,856.01	-0-	-0-	-0-
- Expense	-0-	900.00	100.00	1,000.00	999.65	-0-	.35	-0-
Industrial Development Commission	-0-	100.00	-0-	100.00	-0-	-0-	100.00	-0-
Historical Commission	-0-	500.00	-0-	500.00	415.50	-0-	84.50	-0-
Lawrence Memorial Hall - Wage	-0-	100.00	-0-	100.00	-0-	-0-	100.00	-0-
- Expense	-0-	3950.00	-0-	3,950.00	3,012.37	-0-	937.63	-0-
Town Garage	-0-	6,900.00	600.00	7,500.00	7,298.92	-0-	201.08	-0-
Old Town Hall	-0-	4,000.00	-0-	4,000.00	3,926.70	-0-	73.30	-0-
Finnerty House	-0-	-0-	56.86	56.86	56.86	-0-	-0-	-0-
Town Common	-0-	2,520.00	-0-	2,520.00	1,757.39	-0-	762.61	-0-
Town Clock	-0-	400.00	46.87	446.87	446.87	-0-	-0-	-0-
Forest Management Project	18,798.60	-0-	86.84	18,885.44	15,548.69	-0-	3,336.75	-0-
Noland Court Settlement	-0-	350.00	-0-	350.00	350.00	-0-	-0-	-0-

PUBLIC SAFETY

Police Department - Chief's Salary	-0-	15,793.00	-0-	15,793.00	15,791.17	-0-	1.83	-0-
- Full Time Wage	-0-	27,857.00	-0-	27,857.00	27,344.93	-0-	512.07	-0-
- Part Time Wage	-0-	35,659.00	3,648.25	39,307.25	39,304.52	-0-	2.73	-0-
- Ambulance Training Program	-0-	-0-	1,228.53	1,228.53	1,228.53	-0-	-0-	-0-
- Expense	-0-	23,000.00	350.00	23,350.00	22,844.75	-0-	505.25	-0-
- Ambulance Equipment	-0-	1,350.00	-0-	1,350.00	1,350.00	-0-	-0-	-0-
- Portable Radio	-0-	882.00	-0-	882.00	882.00	-0-	-0-	-0-
Fire Department - Chief's Salary	-0-	1,000.00	-0-	1,000.00	1000.00	-0-	-0-	-0-
- Wage	-0-	6,576.00	-0-	6,576.00	4,564.09	-0-	2,011.91	-0-
- Expense	-0-	8,212.00	250.00	8,462.00	8,351.29	-0-	110.71	-0-
- Capital Equipment	1,500.00	-0-	-0-	1,500.00	-0-	-0-	1,500.00	-0-
- Hydrant Service	-0-	5,950.00	-0-	5,950.00	5,950.00	-0-	-0-	-0-
- Water Storage Holes	-0-	600.00	-0-	600.00	341.00	-0-	259.00	-0-
Sealer of Weights & Measures - Salary	-0-	350.00	-0-	350.00	350.00	-0-	-0-	-0-
- Expense	-0-	145.00	-0-	145.00	145.00	-0-	-0-	-0-
Dog Officer - Wage	-0-	1,000.00	-0-	1,000.00	885.00	-0-	115.00	-0-
- Expense	-0-	200.00	100.00	300.00	275.66	-0-	24.34	-0-
Building Inspector - Salary	-0-	10,140.00	43.05	10,183.05	10,183.05	-0-	-0-	-0-
- Expense	-0-	4,200.00	-0-	4,200.00	4,031.84	-0-	168.16	-0-
Wiring Inspector - Wage	-0-	2,500.00	1,200.00	3,700.00	3,655.00	-0-	45.00	-0-
- Expense	-0-	500.00	500.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	-0-	-0-	-0-
Gas Inspector - Wage	-0-	50.00	75.00	125.00	125.00	-0-	-0-	-0-
- Expense	-0-	50.00	7.55	57.55	57.55	-0-	-0-	-0-
Civil Defense - Salary	-0-	350.00	-0-	350.00	350.00	-0-	-0-	-0-
- Expense	-0-	285.00	-0-	285.00	149.12	-0-	135.88	-0-
Insect Pest Control - Expense	-0-	1,815.00	-0-	1,815.00	1,798.75	-0-	16.25	-0-
Dutch Elm Disease - Wage	-0-	2,000.00	-0-	2,000.00	1,581.55	-0-	418.45	-0-
- Expense	-0-	1,193.00	-0-	1,193.00	922.50	-0-	270.50	-0-
Tree Warden - Wage	-0-	2,500.00	-0-	2,500.00	2,496.85	-0-	3.15	-0-
- Expense	-0-	1,968.00	-0-	1,968.00	1,914.60	-0-	53.40	-0-

HEALTH AND SANITATION

Board of Health - Salary	-0-	700.00	-0-	700.00	700.00	-0-	-0-	-0-
- Wage	-0-	4,550.00	1,276.12	5,826.12	5,826.12	-0-	-0-	-0-
- Expense	-0-	7,927.00	-0-	7,927.00	7,760.49	-0-	166.51	-0-
Sewer Maintenance - Salary	-0-	1,250.00	-0-	1,250.00	1,250.00	-0-	-0-	-0-
- Wage	-0-	3,000.00	-0-	3,000.00	1,196.70	-0-	1,803.30	-0-
- Expense	-0-	20,000.00	-0-	20,000.00	18,573.64	-0-	1,426.36	-0-
- Encumbered	15,186.44	-0-	-0-	15,186.44	15,186.44	-0-	-0-	-0-
Sewer Construction & Engineering	9,333.32	-0-	20,783.00	30,116.32	9,044.81	7,015.86	14,055.65	14,055.65
Sanitary Landfill Area - Wage	-0-	14,200.00	-0-	14,200.00	13,258.72	-0-	941.28	-0-
- Expense	-0-	1,000.00	106.08	1,106.08	784.62	-0-	321.46	-0-

HIGHWAYS

Superintendent's Salary	-0-	13,298.00	13,293.05	-0-	13,298.05	-0-	4.95	-0-
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General Wage	-0-	37,000.00	1,000.00	38,000.00	37,067.62	-0-	932.38	-0-
General Expense	-0-	34,500.00	-0-	34,500.00	26,295.14	4,000.00	4,204.86	-0-
- Benefits	-0-	13,500.00	-0-	13,500.00	10,903.42	-0-	2,596.58	-0-
Chapter 765	6,684.64	1,925.10	18,884.00	27,493.74	12,493.74	15,000.00	-0-	-0-
Chapter 765	-0-	-0-	40,000.00	40,000.00	19,468.46	-0-	20,531.54	20,531.54
Streets	-0-	30,000.00	-0-	30,000.00	29,424.81	-0-	575.19	-0-
Sidewalks	-0-	5,000.00	-0-	5,000.00	3,808.75	-0-	1,191.25	-0-
Bridges & Culverts	-0-	12,000.00	-0-	12,000.00	4,541.22	-0-	7,458.78	-0-
Bay Road Drainage - Payroll	-0-	-0-	1,168.97	1,168.97	1,168.97	-0-	-0-	-0-
Cottage Street Drainage - Payroll	-0-	-0-	1,877.01	1,877.01	1,877.01	-0-	-0-	-0-
Stebbins Street Drainage - Payroll	-0-	-0-	238.98	238.98	238.98	-0-	-0-	-0-
Black Top & Utilities - Salt Shed	-0-	-0-	15.75	15.75	15.75	-0-	-0-	-0-
Snow Removal	\$ -0-	\$ 60,500.00	\$ -0-	\$ 60,500.00	\$ 59,346.98	\$ -0-	\$ 1,153.02	\$ -0-
Street Lighting	-0-	15,700.00	-0-	15,700.00	14,911.68	-0-	788.32	-0-
Surplus Equipment	-0-	-0-	300.00	300.00	300.00	-0-	-0-	-0-
Road Machinery Expense	-0-	36,000.00	-0-	36,000.00	35,998.24	-0-	1.76	-0-

VETERAN'S SERVICE

Veteran's Agent-Salary	-0-	2,100.00	-0-	2,100.00	2,100.00	-0-	-0-	-0-
-Wage and Expense	-0-	900.00	-0-	900.00	537.47	-0-	362.53	-0-
-Benefits	-0-	27,500.00	2,206.50	29,706.50	13,977.58	-0-	15,728.92	-0-

SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES

School Department #1000	-0-	43,978.00	963.60	44,941.60	44,742.97	50.00	148.63	-0-
#1000 Out of State Travel	-0-	200.00	-0-	200.00	200.00	-0-	-0-	-0-
#2000	-0-	1,308,183.00	380.43	1,308,563.43	1,177,815.65	11,400.00	119,347.78	114,464.88
#2000 Out of State Travel	-0-	1,752.00	-0-	1,752.00	864.63	-0-	887.37	-0-
#2000 Encumbered	104,802.42	-0-	-0-	104,802.42	104,802.42	-0-	-0-	-0-
#3000	-0-	167,550.00	11,000.00	178,550.00	176,604.20	-0-	1,945.80	-0-
#3000 Encumbered	1,478.84	-0-	-0-	1,478.84	1,478.84	-0-	-0-	-0-
#4000	-0-	242,624.00	785.06	243,409.06	236,861.36	6,000.00	547.70	180.00
#7000	-0-	18,094.00	-0-	18,094.00	15,815.27	1,650.00	628.73	-0-
#9000	-0-	42,860.00	6,250.00	49,110.00	49,090.98	-0-	19.02	-0-
Cold Spring School Parking Lot	-0-	-0-	342.94	342.94	342.94	-0-	-0-	-0-
School Department-Musical Instrument	-0-	51.60	-0-	51.60	-0-	-0-	51.60	51.60
Band Uniforms	-0-	800.00	-0-	800.00	-0-	-0-	800.00	800.00
Clapp Memorial Library-Wage	-0-	8,100.00	-0-	8,100.00	8,096.35	-0-	3.65	-0-
-Expense	-0-	7,445.99	400.00	7,845.99	7,535.94	-0-	310.05	-0-

PARKS, BEACH, RECREATION

Director-Salary	-0-	8,744.00	-0-	8,744.00	8,517.00	-0-	227.00	-0-
-Wage	-0-	10,465.00	-0-	10,465.00	7,131.49	-0-	3,333.51	-0-
-Wage Encumbered	145.00	-0-	-0-	145.00	121.20	-0-	23.80	-0-
-Expense	-0-	7,877.00	16.68	7,893.68	7,844.94	-0-	48.74	-0-
Cold Spring School Little League Diamond	-0-	-0-	379.69	379.69	379.69	-0-	-0-	-0-
Softball Diamond	-0-	12,500.00	-0-	12,500.00	-0-	-0-	12,500.00	12,500.00

UNCLASSIFIED

Pensions	-0-	52,766.80	-0-	52,766.80	52,766.80	-0-	-0-	-0-
Insurance Account	-0-	54,153.00	420.00	54,573.00	54,086.00	-0-	487.00	-0-
Health Ins.-Town Share	-0-	70,063.00	-0-	70,063.00	67,493.56	-0-	2,569.44	-0-
Group Life-Town Share	-0-	2,055.00	-0-	2,055.00	1,916.35	-0-	138.65	-0-
Unpaid Bills	-0-	368.47	-0-	368.47	368.47	-0-	-0-	-0-
Patriotic Exercises	-0-	300.00	-0-	300.00	142.00	-0-	158.00	-0-
Printing Town Report	-0-	4,500.00	-0-	4,500.00	4,159.13	-0-	340.87	-0-
Unclassified Account	-0-	5,030.00	-0-	5,030.00	4,102.14	-0-	927.86	-0-
Pathfinder-Operating & Maint.	-0-	119,312.65	-0-	119,312.65	92,841.79	-0-	26,470.86	-0-
Reserve Fund	-0-	15,000.00	-0-	15,000.00	-0-	15,000.00	-0-	-0-

CEMETERIES

Cemetery Commissioners-Salary	-0-	800.00	-0-	800.00	800.00	-0-	-0-	-0-
©Wage	-0-	2,850.00	-0-	2,850.00	2,785.50	-0-	64.50	-0-
©Expense	-0-	14,315.00	-0-	14,315.00	14,312.45	-0-	182.55	-0-
©Grass Clippers	275.00	-0-	-0-	275.00	239.40	-0-	35.60	-0-
Veterans' Graves	-0-	400.00	-0-	400.00	360.00	-0-	40.00	-0-
Interest	-0-	19,068.00	-0-	19,068.00	9,125.76	-0-	9,942.24	-0-
Maturing Debt	-0-	45,000.00	-0-	45,000.00	45,000.00	-0-	-0-	-0-

\$160,680.39 \$2,958,148.61 \$137,402.89 \$3,256,231.89 \$2,915,168.17 \$61,265.86 \$279,797.86 \$167,545.10

Report of Town Treasurer

July 1, 1977, through June 30, 1978

Cash on hand 6/30/77	\$1,028,348.48	Payments, as authorized	\$4,211,204.51
Receipts 7/1/77-6/30/78	<u>3,780,021.91</u>	Cash on hand 6/30/78	<u>597,165.88</u>
	\$4,808,370.39		\$4,808,370.39

Interest Income from Savings Deposits, excluding Trust Funds \$25,886.42

Federal Revenue Sharing Account

Cash on Hand 6/30/77	\$247,152.65	Payments, as authorized	\$246,656.51
Receipts 7/1/77-6/30/78:		Cash on hand 6/30/78	<u>146,379.90</u>
			\$393,036.41
Principal	Interest		
Ent. V	6.56	596.41	
Ent. VI	154.68	3745.40	
Ent. VII	13.00	2904.94	
Ent. VIII	64,014.00	2740.94	
Ent. IX	<u>70,848.00</u>	<u>859.83</u>	
135,036.24	10,847.52	<u>=145,883.76</u>	
		\$393,036.41	

Antirecession Program

Cash on Hand 6/30/77	\$18,054.12	Payments, as authorized	\$18,011.80
Receipts 7/1/77-6/30/78		Cash on hand 6/30/78	<u>1,275.23</u>
			\$19,287.03
Principal	Interest		
532.00	700.91	<u>= 1,232.91</u>	
		\$19,287.03	

Funds borrowed during period 7/1/77-6/30/78, as authorized

Note	Purpose	From	Dated	Amount	Due Date	Rate	Interest
#287	Chap. 765-Acts of 1972 Highway Construction Anticipation of Reimbursement	Hampshire Nat'l. Bank	9/2/77	3,884.00	3/2/78	3.00%	\$58.26
#288	Chap. 90 (Chap. 765, Acts of 1972) Highway Construction Anticipation of Reimbursement	Hampshire National Bank	12/1/77	15,000.00	12/1/78	3.12%	At Maturity
#289	Renewal of Note #287	Hampshire National Bank	3/2/78	3,884.00	8/29/78	3.20%	62.14
#290	Chap. 90 (Chap. 765, Acts of 1972) Highway Construction Anticipation of Reimbursement	Hampshire National Bank	5/15/78	25,000.00	12/1/78	3.75%	At Maturity

Trust Funds

Trust Funds	6/30/77	Deposits	Interest	Withdrawals	6/30/78
Calvin Bridgman (High School)	7,328.22	—	400.60	—	7,728.82
George D. Longley (Music)	2,131.80	—	116.52	—	2,248.32
Susan M. D. Bridgman (Cemetery)	805.36	—	44.02	—	849.38
Whiting Street	15,513.58	—	847.42	71.07	16,289.93
Willard A. Stebbins (Cemetery)	1,707.78	—	93.34	—	1,801.12
Calvin Bridgman (Library)	4,947.89	—	271.40	—	5,219.29
Susan M. D. Bridgman (Poor)	34,594.68	874.80	1,895.01	700.98	36,663.51
Vienna Sommes (Mt. Hope Cemetery)	552.76	—	30.20	—	582.96
Perpetual Care (Cemetery)	45,372.82	465.00	2,469.33	402.37	47,904.78
Nellie E. Brown (Mt. Hope Cemetery)	1,604.32	—	87.43	20.00	1,671.75
Stabilization Fund (Regular acct.)	465.98	—	25.44	—	491.42
Stabilization Fund (Special Notice Acct.)	242,879.72	150,000.00	17,885.50	—	410,765.22
	357,904.91	151,339.80	24,166.21	1,194.42	532,216.50

Bank Stock Investment:

Susan M. D. Bridgman (Poor) - State Audit Value \$3500.00 - 12 month Dividend - \$874.80

Respectfully submitted,
Carl J. Peterson, Jr.
Treasurer

Report of Tax and Town Collector

July 1, 1977 - June 30, 1978

1975 Fiscal Real Estate Taxes

Outstanding 6/30/77	2599.81
Abated	8.80
Collected	1219.41
Outstanding 6/30/78	<u>1371.60</u>
	2599.81
	<u>2599.81</u>

1976 Fiscal Real Estate Taxes

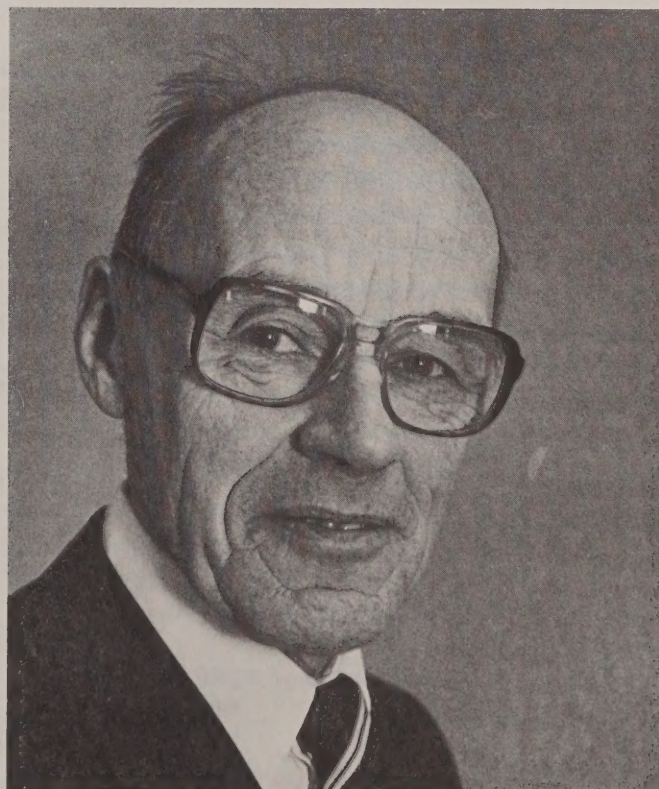
Outstanding 6/30/77	25399.10
Abated	8.50
Collected	8903.83
Outstanding 6/30/78	<u>16486.77</u>
	25399.10
	<u>25399.10</u>

1977 Fiscal Real Estate Taxes

Outstanding 6/30/77	112540.28
Scheduled refund (from FY 77 report)	196.00
Refunded per above	196.00
Refunded	1407.17
Abated	1550.07
Collected	79692.96
Outstanding 6/30/78	<u>32704.42</u>
	114143.45
	<u>114143.45</u>

1978 Fiscal Real Estate Taxes

Committed for collection	1700901.80
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Town Clerk, Collector, Treasurer
Carl J. Peterson, Jr.



**Assistant Treasurer
Margaret S. Kirby**

To be refunded	108.30	
Refunded	19561.33	
Abated	63,506.63	
Collected	1531708.49	
Outstanding 6/30/78	<u>125356.31</u>	
	1720571.43	1720571.43

1969 Personal Property Taxes

Outstanding 6/30/77	6.90	
Outstanding 6/30/78	<u>6.90</u>	
	6.90	6.90

1970 Personal Property Taxes

Outstanding 6/30/77	55.20	
Outstanding 6/30/78	<u>55.20</u>	
	55.20	55.20

1971 Personal Property Taxes

Outstanding 6/30/77	715.20	
Collected	26.40	
Outstanding 6/30/78	<u>688.80</u>	
	715.20	715.20

1972 Personal Property Taxes

Outstanding 6/30/77	614.10	
Collected	36.80	

Outstanding 6/30/78	<u>577.30</u>	
	614.10	614.10

1973 Personal Property Taxes

Outstanding 6/30/77		874.28
Collected	37.60	
Outstanding 6/30/78	<u>836.68</u>	
	874.28	874.28

1974 Personal Property Taxes

Outstanding 6/30/77		522.50
Collected	66.00	
Outstanding 6/30/78	<u>456.50</u>	
	522.50	522.50

1975 Fiscal Personal Property Taxes

Outstanding 6/30/77		1373.10
Collected	132.00	
Outstanding 6/30/78	<u>1241.10</u>	
	1373.10	1373.10

1976 Fiscal Personal Property Taxes

Outstanding 6/30/77		3037.05
Collected	153.00	
Outstanding 6/30/78	<u>2884.05</u>	
	3037.05	3037.05

1977 Fiscal Personal Property Taxes

Outstanding 6/30/77		4925.79
Collected	1298.37	
Outstanding 6/30/78	<u>3627.42</u>	
	4925.79	4925.79

1978 Fiscal Personal Property Taxes

Committed for collection		64539.02
Refunded		51.35
Abated	999.70	
Collected	57913.08	
Outstanding 6/30/78	<u>5677.59</u>	
	64590.37	64590.37

1976 Farm Animal Excise

Outstanding 6/30/77		163.50
Outstanding 6/30/78	<u>163.50</u>	
	163.50	163.50

1977 Farm Animal Excise

Committed for collection		1294.88
Collected	1090.38	
Outstanding 6/30/78	<u>204.50</u>	
	1294.88	1294.88

1969 Motor Vehicle Excise

Outstanding 6/30/77		627.92
Abated	627.92	
Outstanding 6/30/78	<u>00</u>	
	627.92	627.92

1970 Motor Vehicle Excise

Outstanding 6/30/77		2634.81
Outstanding 6/30/78	<u>2634.81</u>	
	2634.81	<u>2634.81</u>

1971 Motor Vehicle Excise

Outstanding 6/30/77		4985.64
Outstanding 6/30/78	<u>4985.64</u>	
	4985.64	<u>4985.64</u>

1972 Motor Vehicle Excise

Outstanding 6/30/77		6675.59
Collected	49.85	
Outstanding 6/30/78	<u>6625.74</u>	
	6675.59	<u>6675.59</u>

1973 Motor Vehicle Excise

Outstanding 6/30/77		9226.70
Collected	153.18	
Outstanding 6/30/78	<u>9073.52</u>	
	9226.70	<u>9226.70</u>

1974 Motor Vehicle Excise

Outstanding 6/30/77		8254.93
Collected	174.63	
Outstanding 6/30/78	<u>8080.30</u>	
	8254.93	<u>8254.93</u>

1975 Motor Vehicle Excise

Outstanding 6/30/77		8378.90
Collected	337.79	
Outstanding 6/30/78	<u>8041.11</u>	
	8378.90	<u>8378.90</u>

1976 Motor Vehicle Excise

Outstanding 6/30/77		17159.01
Committed for collection	4536.18	
Refunded	286.76	
Abated	617.71	
Collected	13406.26	
Outstanding 6/30/78	<u>7957.98</u>	
	21981.95	<u>21981.95</u>

1977 Motor Vehicle Excise

Outstanding 6/30/77		50713.37
Committed for collection	87414.69	
Refunded	3758.05	
Abated	11614.70	
Collected	105055.98	
Outstanding 6/30/78	<u>25215.43</u>	
	141886.11	<u>141886.11</u>

1978 Motor Vehicle Excise

Committed for collection	154416.07	
To be refunded	39.79	
Refunded	1631.20	



**Senior Clerk
Gloria J. Conkey**

Abated	8600.63	
Collected	121483.57	
Outstanding 6/30/78	<u>26002.86</u>	
	156087.06	<u>156087.06</u>

1974 Sewer Charges

Outstanding 6/30/77		76.91
Collected (as Liens on 1976 Real Estate)	76.91	
Outstanding 6/30/78	<u>00</u>	
	76.91	<u>76.91</u>

1975 Sewer Charges

Outstanding 6/30/77		126.34
Collected (as Liens on 1977 Real Estate)	126.34	
Outstanding 6/30/78	<u>00</u>	
	126.34	<u>126.34</u>

1976 Sewer Charges

Outstanding 6/30/77		1055.00
Collected	105.72	
Collected (as Liens on 1978 Real Estate)	949.28	
Outstanding 6/30/78	<u>00</u>	
	1055.00	<u>1055.00</u>

1977 Sewer Charges

Outstanding 6/30/77		10746.71
Abated	31.81	
Collected	9873.49	
Outstanding 6/30/78	<u>841.41</u>	
	10746.71	<u>10746.71</u>

Miscellaneous Accounts Receivable

Outstanding 6/30/77		1859.67
Committed for collection		6447.48
Abated	210.00	
Collected	3537.48	
Outstanding 6/30/78	<u>4559.67</u>	
	8307.15	<u>8307.15</u>

TOTAL COLLECTIONS DURING**JULY, 1977 - JUNE, 1978**

Taxes, Excises, & Liens	\$1,934,071.32
Miscellaneous Accounts	3,537.48
Fees (Warrant & Demand)	1,604.00
Interest on all Taxes, Excises & Liens	<u>8,301.47</u>
	\$1,947,514.27

Paid to Town Treasurer	\$1,947,514.27
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Respectfully submitted,
 Carl J. Peterson, Jr.
 Tax & Town Collector

Town Clerk Report

Statistics**Births**

Place	Boys	Girls
Holyoke	5	4
Northampton	21	20
Ware	1	5
Springfield	17	27
	<u>44</u>	<u>56</u>

Total births recorded in Belchertown—100

Marriages

	Male	Female
Resident	62	66
Non-resident	29	25
	<u>91</u>	<u>91</u>
Married at:	No.	
Belchertown	35	
Out of Town	56	
	<u>91</u>	

Deaths

Recorded in Belchertown—44
 Males—30, Females—14
 Resident—41, Non-resident—3

Place of Death

	No.
Belchertown	9
Palmer	3
Ware	11
Northampton	2
Springfield	6
Holyoke	7
Westfield	1
Ludlow	2
Amherst	1
Boston	1
Newington, Conn.	1
	<u>44</u>

Respectfully submitted,
 Carl J. Peterson, Jr.
 Town Clerk



Assistant Clerk
Carol E. Hubbard

Financial

Receipts	Amount	No. Items
Sporting Licenses (Gross)	\$10,073.75	1190
Dog Licenses (Gross)	4,892.00	1318
B-M-D Certified Copies	454.00	227
B-M-D Abstract Copies	97.00	97
Record Search & Affidavits	32.00	16
Marriage Intentions	332.00	83
U.C.C. & Terminations	719.00	166
Sale of Zoning Maps & By-Laws	66.00	54
Federal Lien Release	3.00	1
Pole Location Orders	72.50	24
Registration to Store Fuel	55.00	22
Registration & Discontinuance of Business	9.50	10
Sale of Subdivision Regulations	7.00	7
Sale of Master Plans	16.00	4
Sale of Street Lists	51.00	51
Filing Fees-Subdivisions	2450.00	9
Hearing Fees-Board of Appeals	180.00	12
Raffles & Bazaars	70.00	7
Postage & Miscellaneous	5.60	17
	\$19,585.35	3,315

Payments to:
Division of Fisheries &
Game

\$9808.00
4431.40
5345.95

\$19,585.35

Respectfully submitted,
Carl J. Peterson, Jr.
Town Clerk



**Junior Clerk
Nancy B. Chevalier**

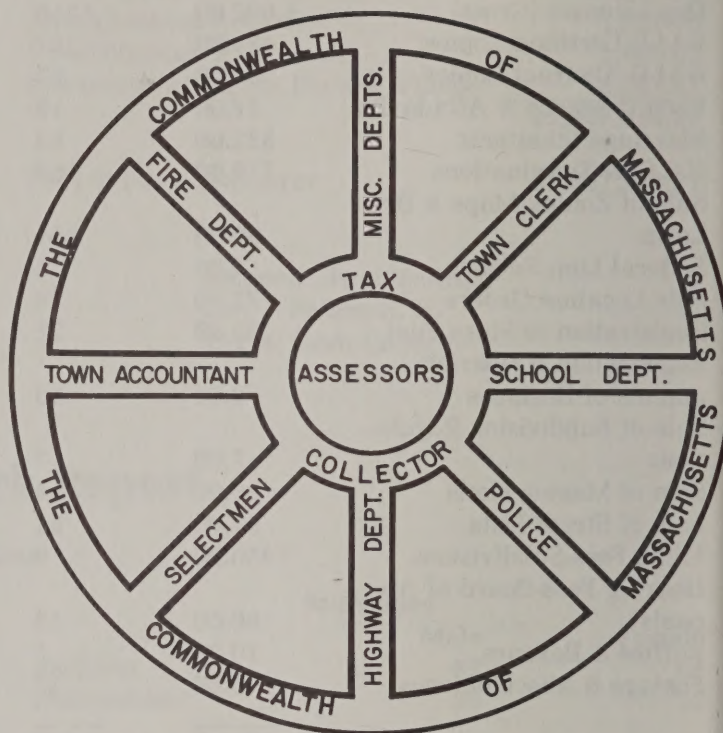
Assessor's Report

During the past year, several newspaper articles focused attention to the problems associated with the upward pressures being experienced in Belchertown. Any thinking individual can quickly reach the conclusion that this unprecedented growth presents major problems for the various town departments, paid or unpaid, part-time or full-time. Nowhere is this pressure more apparent than in the assessor's function. We have to deal with speculators, developers, lawyers, appraisers, real estate agencies and private individuals. We know who is buying land—where they are buying it—long before subdivisions are proposed and we have the records to prove it.

Once again we have to announce that there were more property transfers in Belchertown during 1978 than in any previous year in the history of Belchertown. The information from the Registry of Deeds shows that there were 591 property transfers during calendar year 1978. Since we are at the heart of where the action begins, we are in a better position to look into the future than probably any other town department. Unless there is a major recession, as far as pressures of growth are concerned, we are telling you "Brother, you ain't seen nothin' yet!" Budgets will, of necessity, continue to escalate, more personnel will be needed to carry out the various town functions, part-time departments will have to become full-time in order to provide the increased services accompanying the rapid population growth.

It is absolutely essential that everyone realize that property taxes are levied by local officials to pay for the cost of operating local government which includes schools, roads, parks, and recreation, police and fire departments, etc. Citizens demanding these services must realize that the inflated costs of these services must be paid for. This means a higher property tax.

It must also be recognized that it is a simple matter to say that a municipality must put a cap on spending. This may be within the realm of possibility when growth remains static or when a municipality regresses. As we see it, to put a cap on spending in a town such as ours would be unrealistic because there is virtually no let-up on the upward pressure. Don't misunderstand us. We are not advocating fiscal irresponsibility but rather cautioning you about over-reaction on austerity. More houses require more roads, services, schools, police and fire protection, etc. Although the finger is pointed at local government, we feel that tax revolters, sparked by Proposition 13, are levelling their barrage at the wrong enemy. Their energies should be directed at the State and Federal level where programs are generated and often man-



Wheel of Town Government

dated. Such programs are partially or wholly funded. Later the funds are often substantially reduced or entirely cut off, leaving the municipality to pick up the tab and continue funding the program out of the local property tax. One has only to review the Cherry Sheets for the past several years and it will bear out what we are saying. Frankly speaking, we are faced with a dilemma.

Our legislators, fearful of a full-fledged tax revolt in the wake of Proposition 13, hurriedly passed the Classification Act. (Referendum Question No. 1 on the November 1978 ballot.) The classification law is long and complex. It was written and "romrodded" through the legislature by pressure groups as a political expedient for the solution of Boston's problems. It is commonly referred to as "Mayor White's Bill." The philosophy is that commercial and industrial property would generate the tax dollars which would be lost thru reducing everyone else's taxes. Little thought was given by the legislature as to what its effects would be. It is little consolation to say that the Belchertown property taxpayers overwhelmingly voted *no* on the classification question, but will have to live with it since the majority of voters in the Commonwealth approved it. However, it does prove that the Belchertown voters were better informed than most voters.

Classification as approved by the voters is a fiasco. At this point, the very perpetrators of the amendment

are busy filing bills to change what came out of the hopper. Meanwhile the Property Tax Bureau is trying to interpret and clarify the amendment. There is no way the assessor can equitably institute classification as it is now on the books. In fact, suits have been filed contesting the constitutionality of the amendment. Some legislators are already talking about postponing implementation of classification for one year.

As far as Belchertown is concerned, resolution of the problems associated with classification is academic—except for the cost involved in instituting a program which will not give the over-burdened property taxpayer the relief which is so long overdue. In this respect, we invite your attention to the chart labelled “Assessed Valuation by Classes of Property.” This chart shows today’s assessed valuation of all property in town before the application of the percentages mandated by Referendum Question No. 1 on November’s ballot. It should be readily apparent to anyone familiar with the classification act that there will be no property tax relief for Belchertown taxpayers.

First, the law does not give any relief to those people who must pay a personal property tax with the exception of the utility companies. This will, undoubtedly, place a heavy reliance on other personal property within the town.

The classification act also mandates that we reduce the assessed valuation of single-family residences, multi-family residences and open land. The valuation of agricultural horticultural and forest land is already reduced by law.

In effect, what we are saying is that thru classification we are expected to substantially reduce the assessed value of approximately 95 percent of our tax base and increase 3.8 percent (commercial and industrial) thus paying the way for a big reduction in taxes for the home-owners who unquestionably need tax relief. WHO IS KIDDING WHOM? WE SOMETIMES FEEL THAT LOGIC PLAYS A MINUTE PART IN WHAT GOES ON THESE DAYS.

In summary, classification is but a gimmick. It shifts real estate taxes but will not lower them; it does not address itself to the long-range problem of high real estate taxes; and it gave the lawmakers a chance to duck the issue of facing-up to a long-range solution to the problem. Unless there is a change in schedule, implementation of the classification act is scheduled to go into effect on 1 July 1979.

With respect to the assessor’s function, the volume of work generated by ever-increasing property transfers, more detailed reports required by the Property Tax Bureau in Boston, new legislation changing eligibility and method of computing exemptions for the elderly, ever-changing rules and regulations pertaining to the assessor’s duties including the requirement for more schooling to keep current with new legislation

and preparation for certification of assessors, is taxing our capability to the utmost. We seriously question our ability to keep up with the increasing workload without at least some additional part-time help. If the town keeps on growing, the necessity for a full-time assessor will soon be here.

We have included a series of charts which graphically focus on the impact of a rapidly growing community as a whole, and particularly as it affects the assessor’s function. They are self-explanatory. Please study them!

In addition to the information contained in the charts, we wish to point out some other salient facts which we feel you should know.

The motor vehicle excise tax has been and still is in a muddle. Although efforts have been made by the Registry to “clean up” the motor vehicle excise mess, it appears that they have made very little progress in resolving the problem. For example, in 1973 we had to grant 639 motor vehicle excise tax abatements as a result of improper billing by the Registry of Motor Vehicles. In 1978, after the system was improved, we granted 731 abatements for the same reason. In the meantime, we have had to increase the amount of paperwork to feed data to the Registry, on the premise that the added workload on the part of the assessors would lead to a substantial reduction in the number of errors generated by the Registry. In reality, it appears to have been an exercise in futility!

One of the bills currently in the legislature proposes to solve the excise tax billing problem by setting a flat-rate motor vehicle excise tax of \$50.00 per vehicle per year, providing the same plate is retained. Every vehicle on the road, regardless of size, make, model year or



Board of Assessors

**Walter L. Papp, Edward O. Lofland, Samuel J. Joyal-
Chairman**

condition would pay a \$50.00 excise tax. There would be no abatements granted whenever the vehicle is sold and/or otherwise taken off the road. It appears that this bill would eliminate the problems associated with incorrect billing of the Registry. If you don't like the proposal, write your legislators.

Proliferation of parcels is another indicator of growth and increase in the assessor's workload. On 1 January 1975, there were 2,492 parcels of land on our books. Thru subdivision, the same amount of land on 1 January 1979 approximates 3,250 parcels.

Although many people talk about reducing the budget, we draw your attention to the fact that the voters by law are only allowed to pass judgement on a small portion of the appropriations. For instance, when we break down the \$29.00 current tax rate, our analysis shows that 78% of the budget or \$22.60 of the rate, represents fixed costs. The voter can only pass judgement on 22% or \$6.38 of the tax rate. The \$29.00 rate breaks down as follows:

School costs	66%
County tax	6%
State assessments	2%
Exemptions & abatements	4%
General government	22%

School costs representing 66% of the tax rate can only be "rubber-stamped" at the Annual Town Meeting. The voter, by law, doesn't have the option to cut that budget. The voter, again by law, doesn't even have the opportunity to "rubber-stamp" the 12% represented by County tax, State assessment, exemptions for the elderly, widows, blind, veterans and real property tax abatements. That leaves the voter general government, which is 22% or \$6.38 of the tax rate on which to vent his emotions. *If we assume that there was 10% fat in the general government budget, and we are not convinced that there was, this would have left the taxpayer \$.64 of the \$29.00 tax rate to disapprove. ARE YOU STILL WITH US?*

We have made some other interesting observations. During the past five years, Belchertown's cost of running County government has increased 66 percent. Five years ago our County tax was \$111,449.00. This year the cost is \$185,091.00. Although the State paid \$62,804.00 of the County tax to help us, we lost elsewhere on the Cherry Sheet, so it was a case of much ado about nothing.

During the past five years, our school budget has increased 34.8 percent—approximately 7 percent per year. In the same period the cost of running general government increased 24 percent or 4.8 percent per year—below the national inflation rate.

The legislature is once again considering a bill called Proposition Two and One-Half(2½). This bill, if enacted, would limit the amount of money a municipality could raise to 2½ percent of the total assessed

valuation of the town. *If Proposition Two and One-half had been in effect, this year we could have raised a maximum of 1.8 million dollars or 300 thousand dollars less than that appropriated and deemed necessary for the town's operating expenses for Fiscal 1979. Under Proposition Two and One-Half, it would have required a tax base of 84 million dollars, rather than the 72.8 million dollar base used to raise the amount of money appropriated. If and when this law is enacted, it would mean that the assessors would have to update assessments to fair market value annually and still not be able to raise sufficient funds to cover all necessary expenses. It would certainly result in a "knock-down, drag-out" struggle in the competition for funds. In our opinion, Proposition Two and One-Half will not be a panacea for solving the high real estate tax problem. The legislature enacted a new law which increased the benefits for the elderly and relaxed the requirements for eligibility. At the same time, the legislature acknowledged that local property taxes were too high, so the increased aid to the elderly was to have been subsidized by the Commonwealth. The cost of implementing this program State-wide amounted to 21 + million dollars. The legislature appropriated 6 million dollars for the program. Our calculations indicate that for every \$500.00 exemption granted, the State will reimburse us with \$87.50. The remaining \$412.50 must come out of the local property tax. Whenever we get help, it hurts!*

For the benefit of those who are still confused as to the basis for State reimbursements, we



**Assistant Assessor
Pauline C. Johnson**

reiterate—reimbursements are based on equalized value of our town. The equalized value for each city and town is established by the Department of Corporations and Taxation. It represents the total value of our town, as the State sees it. It is updated every two years, on the even-numbered years, and is based on all arms-length sales within the two-year interval prior to establishing the value. Our locally assessed value for the town could be any figure above or below the State's equalized value—it is not taken into consideration in calculating State Aid. Please refer to the chart which compares equalized and locally assessed value.

In summary, we think you should know that there is much more activity in the assessor's function than that which is reflected in this report. We are trying our level best to keep up with the ever-changing legislation, proposed new laws and, at the same time, increase our professional stature, so that we may better represent you, the taxpayer.

We feel that you should be aware that Massachusetts relies more on the real estate tax to raise money than any of the other 49 states. We wanted you to realize that relatively low State Aid for programs originally initiated and/or encouraged, partially or wholly funded by the State, with a subsequent reduction in Aid, has forced heavy reliance on the property tax to pay for those programs and other essential community services.

In the final analysis, the local real estate tax remains a crucial and controversial issue—one which we, the assessors, cannot resolve.

We appreciate the confidence and trust placed in the Board of Assessors by an overwhelming majority of the taxpayers.

Respectfully submitted,
BOARD OF ASSESSORS
Samuel J. Joyal, Chairman
Walter L. Papp
Edward O. Lofland



**Assessors Junior Clerk
Jessie C. Gay**

Report of the Assessors' Field Representative

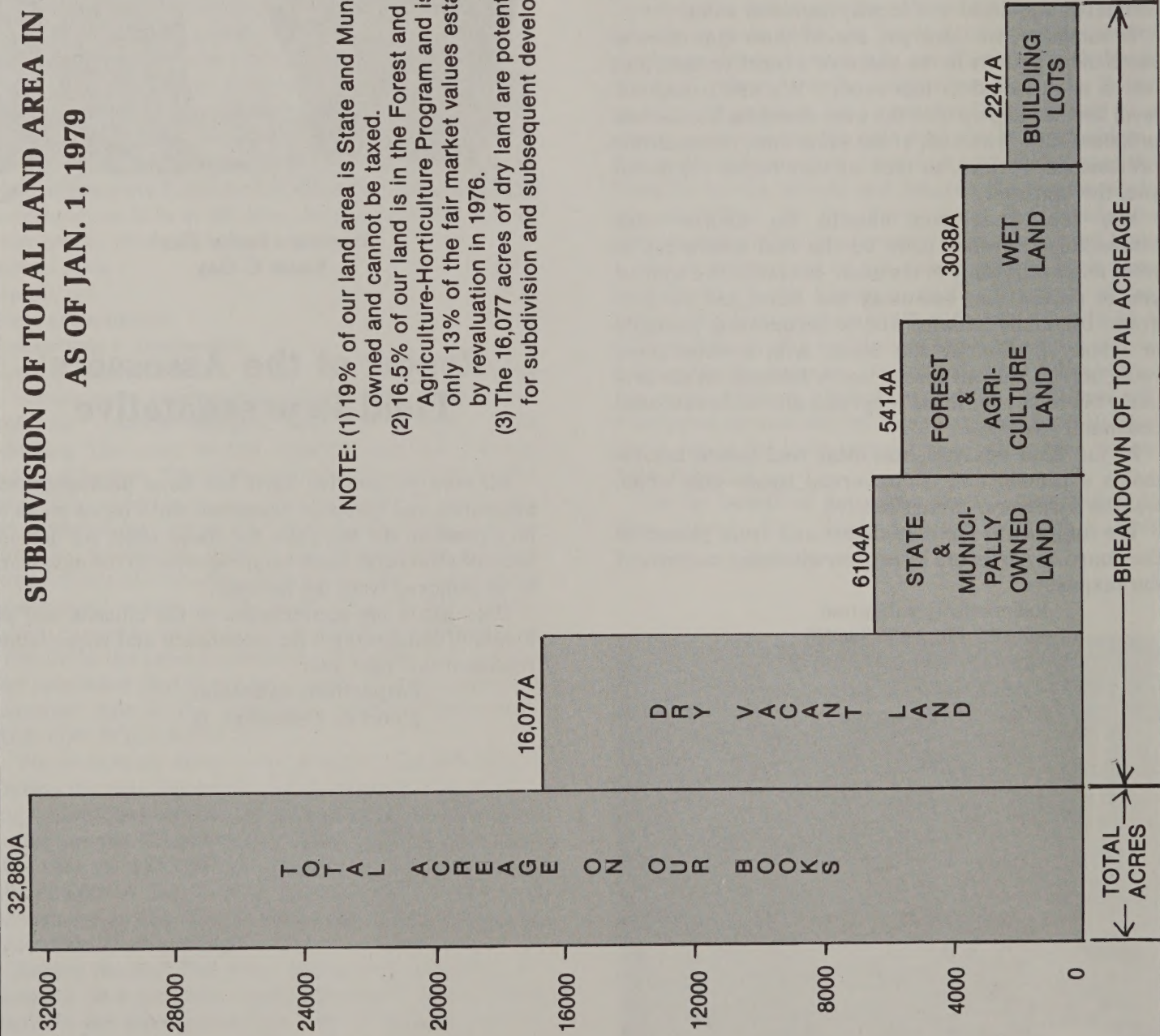
All construction for 1978 has been photographed, measured and listed on assessors' data forms so as to be placed on the tax roles for fiscal 1980. All demolitions of structures have been reported to the assessors to be removed from the tax role.

Once again my appreciation to the citizens and officials of Belchertown for assistance and cooperation rendered this past year.

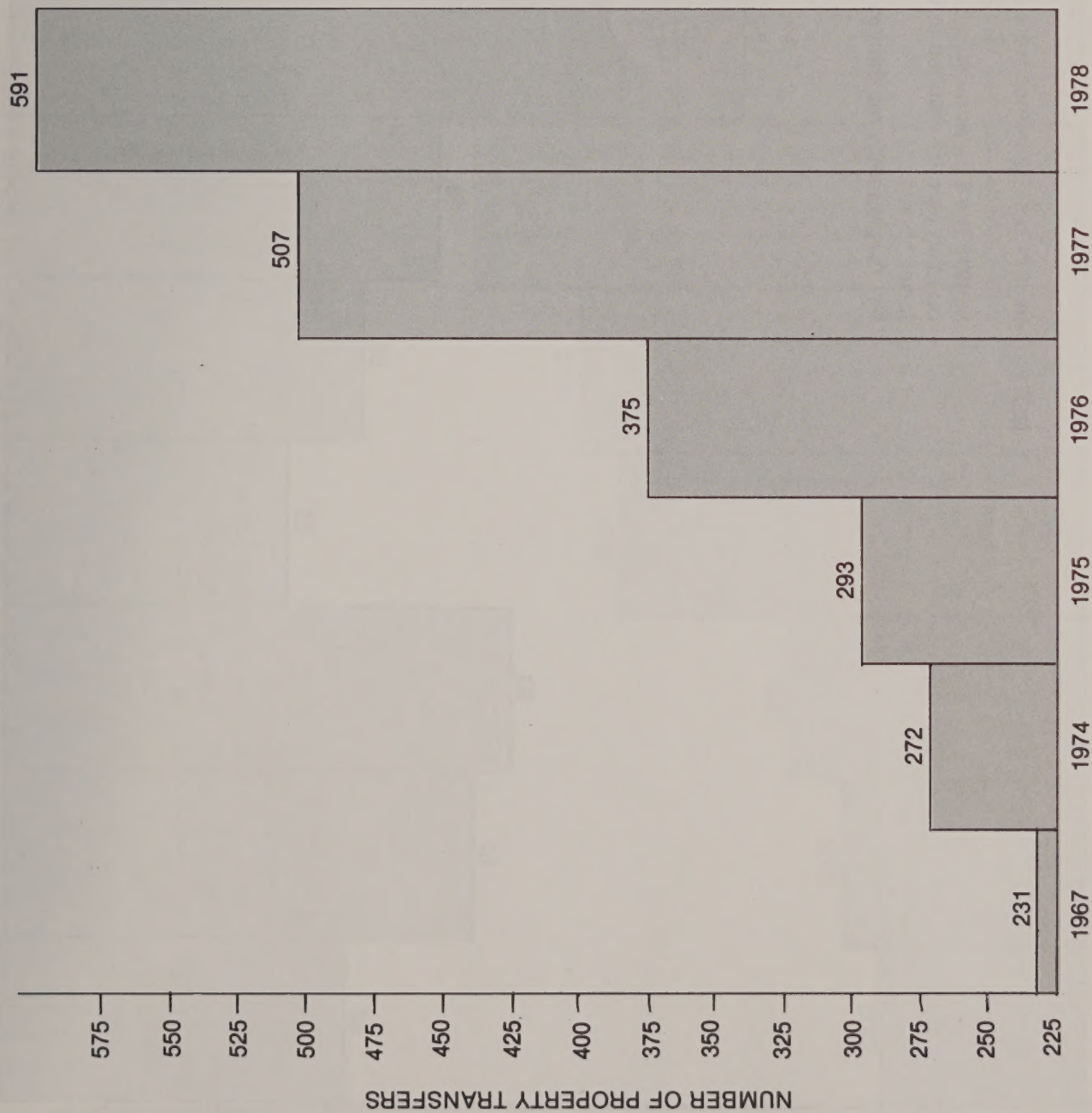
Respectfully submitted,
Elbert C. Ulshoeffer, Jr.

SUBDIVISION OF TOTAL LAND AREA IN ACRES AS OF JAN. 1, 1979

NOTE: (1) 19% of our land area is State and Municipally owned and cannot be taxed.
 (2) 16.5% of our land is in the Forest and Agriculture-Horticulture Program and is taxed at only 13% of the fair market values established by revaluation in 1976.
 (3) The 16,077 acres of dry land are potential areas for subdivision and subsequent development.



PROPERTY TRANSFERS



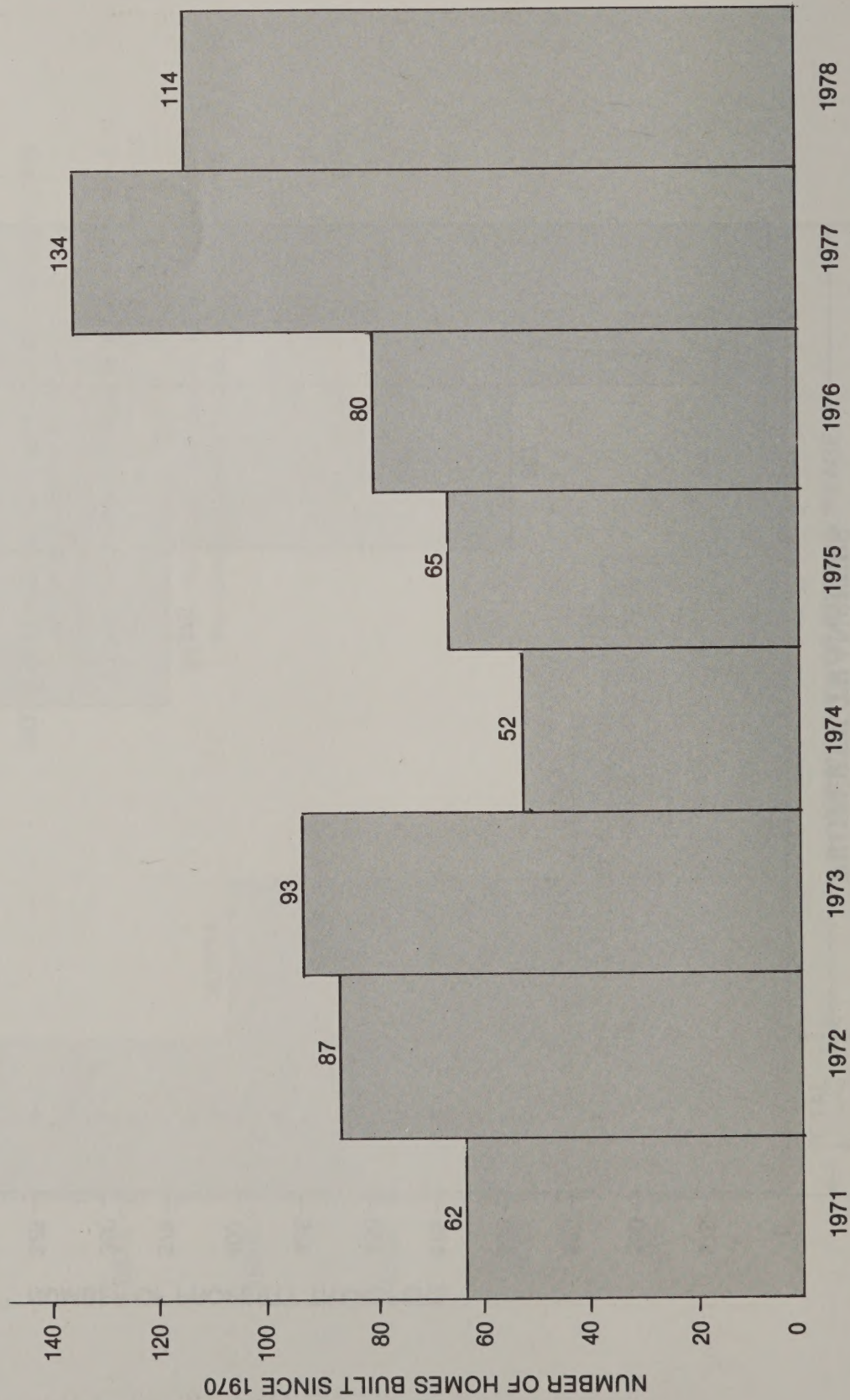
CONSTRUCTION OF SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCES

NOTE:

In 1974 only 52 homes were built because the prime interest rate was 12.5%.

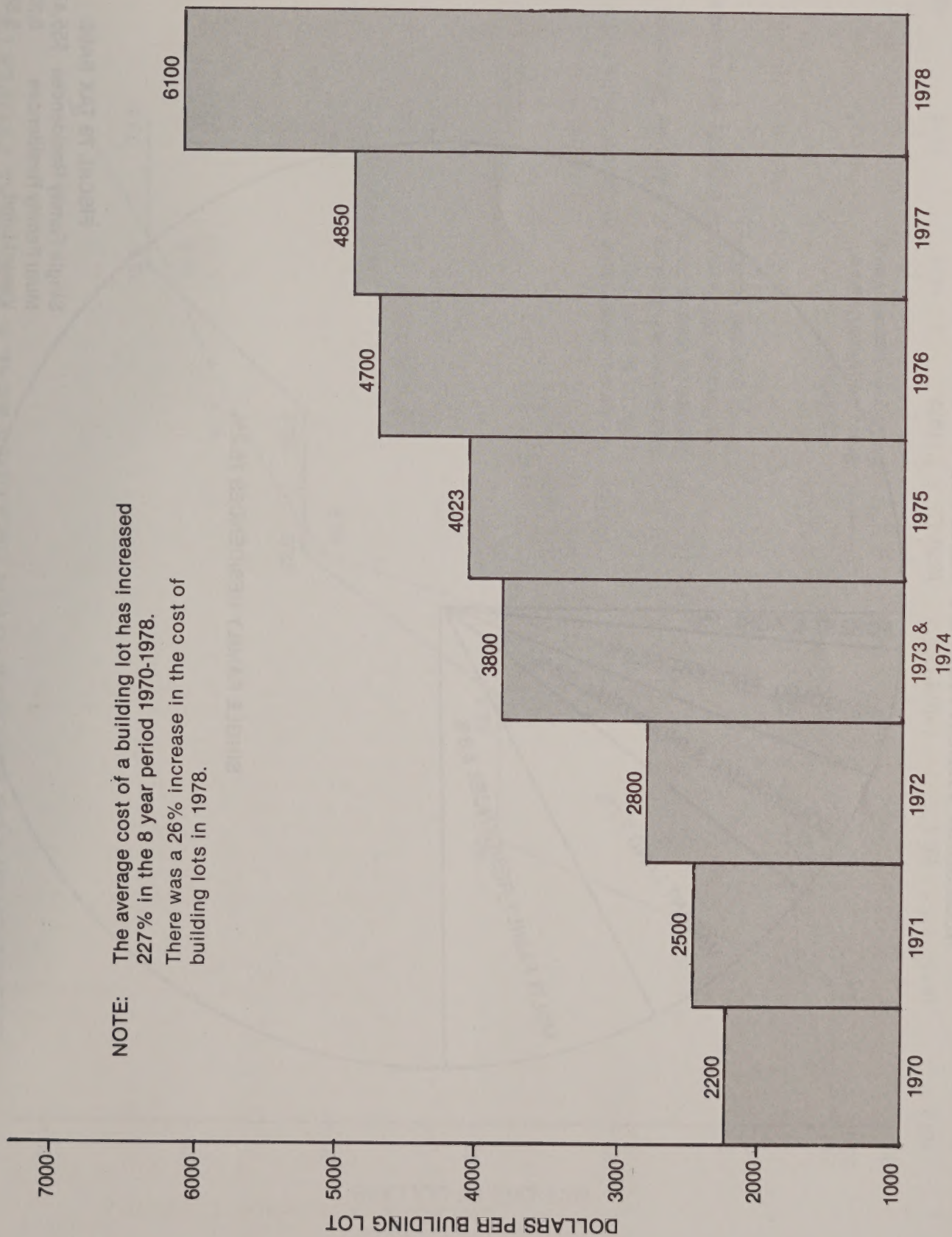
In 1978 the 6 week moratorium on issuing building permits resulted in the construction of fewer homes.

687 Single family residences built in 8 years.

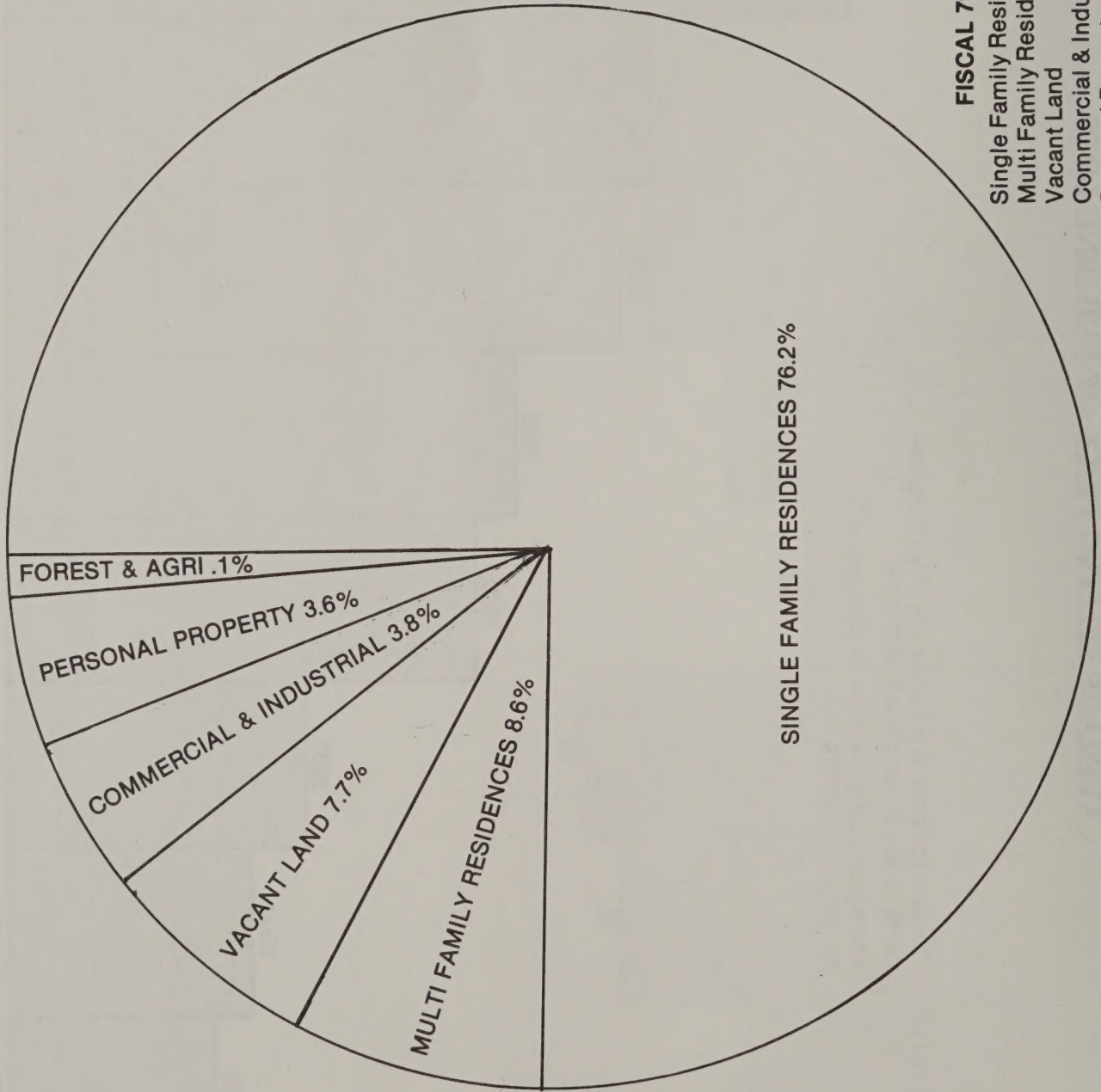


AVERAGE SELLING PRICE OF BUILDING LOTS

NOTE: The average cost of a building lot has increased 227% in the 8 year period 1970-1978. There was a 26% increase in the cost of building lots in 1978.



ASSESSED VALUATION BY CLASSES OF PROPERTY

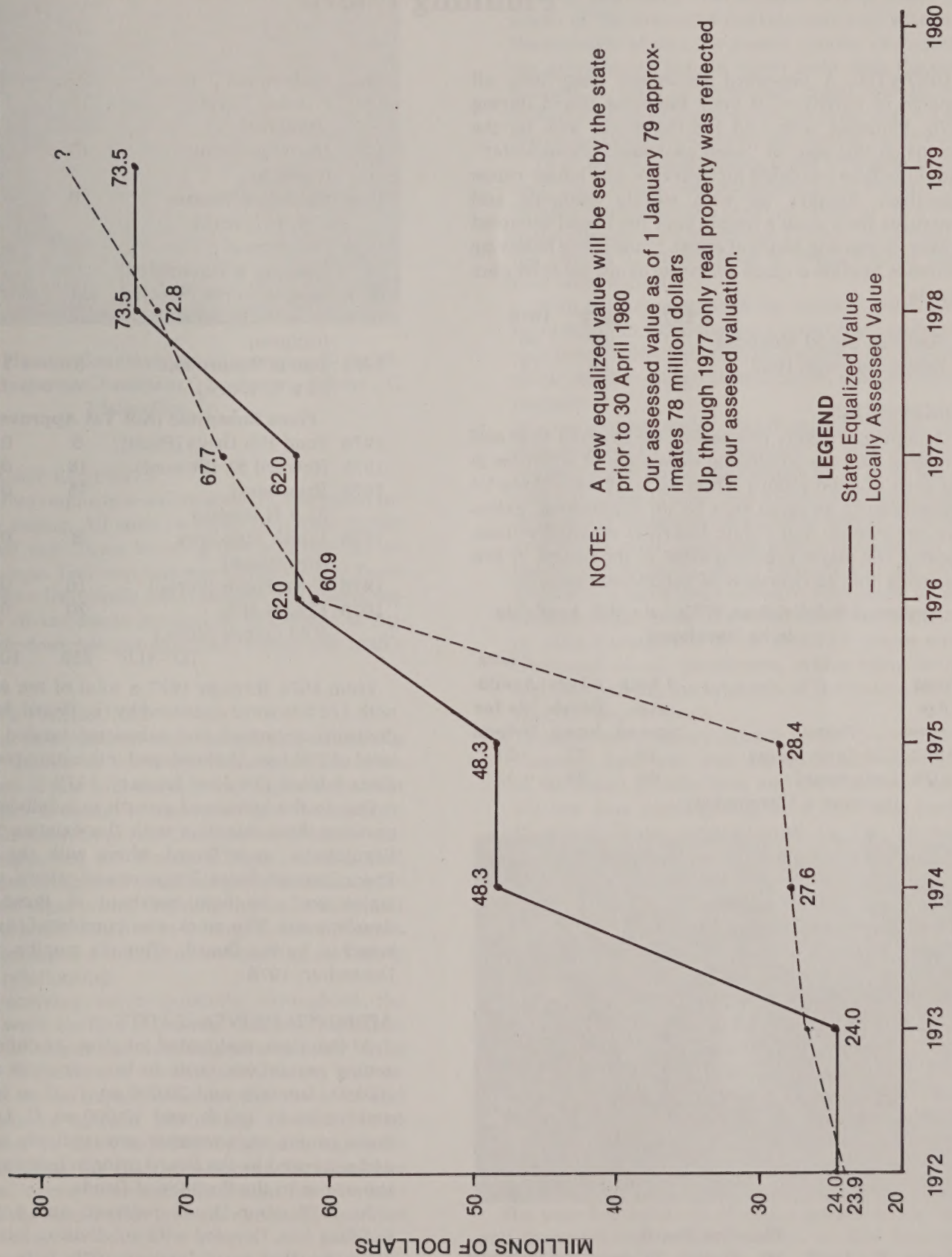


WHERE THE TAX DOLLARS COME FROM

FISCAL 79 TAX BASE

Single Family Residences	\$55,476,200
Multi Family Residences	6,230,000
Vacant Land	5,593,960
Commercial & Industrial	2,779,000
Personal Property	2,649,645
Forest & Agriculture	118,620
Total Assessed Value	<u>\$72,847,425</u>

ASSESSED VALUE COMPARED WITH STATE EQUALIZED VALUE ESTABLISHED FOR BELCHERTOWN INCLUDES REAL & PERSONAL PROPERTY



Planning Board

GROWTH! A one-word statement describing all aspects of activities of your Planning Board during 1978. Planning with and for the town, took on the dimension this year of "keep your head above water" with little time available for overview and longer range objectives. Keeping up with weekly demands and pressures from town's people kept the Board occupied in ever-increasing hours of effort. Some of the following statistics provide a quick overview of our volunteer activities:

	1976	1977	1978
Planning Board Meetings	17	26	36
Public Hearings Held	6	10	15

SUBDIVISIONS

Occupying roughly one-half of the Board's time and attention was the continuing expansion of activities in the area of subdivisions. From as small as a three lot subdivision to as large as a 68 lot subdivision, extensive reviews of, and Public Hearings on subdivisions, became the major preoccupation of the Board. A few statistics give an overview of subdivision growth:

Approved Subdivisions With Lots Still Available to be Developed

Year	Name	# Lots Ap-proved	# Lots Devel-oped	# Lots Availa-ble for Dvlpmnt
1972	Old Farm (Rege)	43	22	21
1974	Ledgewood (Jackson & Harrington)	68	55	13



Planning Board

**Bruno B. Land, W. Daniel Fitzpatrick-Chairman,
William Cary. Missing from photo: Stephen Lanphear,
Donald S. Cole**

1974	Underwood (Pinkos)	20	14	6
1977	Fox Run Farm (Lambert)	11	7	4
1977	Heritage Drive (Greene)	10	0	10
1978	Sherwood Estates (G & H Invest.)	28	6	22
1978	Maplecrest (Jackson & Harrington)	32	4	28
1978	Jumper Acres (Brochu)	11	0	11
1978	Woodridge Knoll (Hulmes)	16	0	16
1978	Daniel Square Ext. (D & C. Bldrs.)	3	1	2

Plans Submitted (Not Yet Approved)

1978	Pond Hill Drive (Plant)	6	0	6
1978	Howard St. (Demont)	18	0	18
1978	Briarwood (G & H Invest.)	45	0	45
1978	Jabish Meadows (Brougham)	8	0	8
1978	Twin Ponds (Perell)	16	0	16
1978	Cherry Hill (Old Colony Bldrs.)	20	0	20
TOTALS		355	109	246

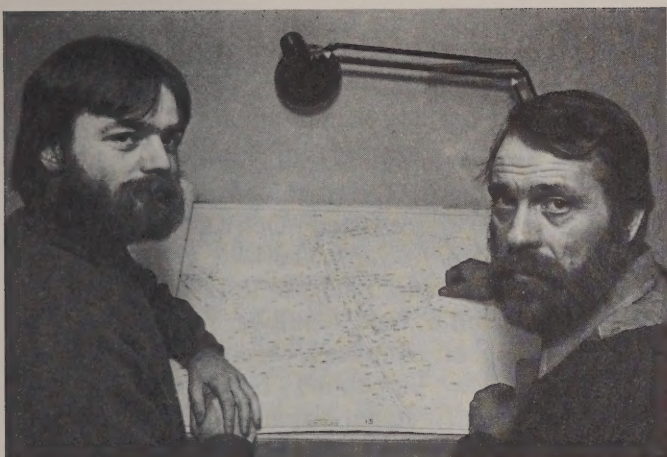
From 1972 through 1977 a total of ten subdivisions with 175 lots were approved by the Board. In 1978, subdivisions approved and submitted totaled 11, with a total of 203 lots. Undeveloped lots within these subdivisions totaled 114 as of January, 1979.

Due to the increased growth in subdivisions, and a growing dissatisfaction with the existing Subdivision Regulations, your Board, along with the Selectmen, Town Counsel, Town Engineer and others, undertook a major and complete overhaul of these guides to development. The work was completed, and formally voted in by the Board, after six months of effort, in December, 1978.

APPROVED FRONTAGE LOTS

At this time, residential lot sizes, as defined by your zoning regulations come in two minimum sizes; small -120 Ft. frontage and 20,000 sq. ft. if on town sewer, and medium - 140 ft. and 40,000 sq. ft. Lots meeting these zoning requirements are routinely submitted to and approved by the Board prior to being submitted by the owner to the Registry of Deeds.

In 1978, your Board received and approved 147 building lots. Coupled with subdivision lots, the Board estimates that as of January 1979, between 600 and 700 known building lots exist in the town ready for residential dwellings.



Assistant Planner/Grantswriter—Lawrence B. Smith
Building Inspector/Assistant Assessor—Elbert C. Ulshoeffer, Jr.

ZONE CHANGE REQUESTS

In 1978, five requests were received by the Board for changes in zoning. All such requests require a Public Hearing and only Town Meeting can approve the requested change. Two requests were approved by Town Meeting. More frequently zone changes are discouraged in favor of variances granted by the Board of Appeals which does not permanently change the land's zone.

THE YEAR'S HIGHLIGHTS

- Considerable publicity occurred when the Planning Board, unable to work out differences in interpretation of law with the Board of Appeals, found it necessary to resort to a court of law for support. Judge Grainey, Superior Court, in an advisory opinion, supported the Planning Board, stating that the Board of Appeals could not grant a variance for a three apartment building in a residential neighborhood. Since that ruling, the two Boards have developed a mutual understanding and much closer relationship.
- Also receiving much publicity throughout the Valley were conflict of interest charges leveled by a local developer against a long-time member of the Board. Assistance of the District Attorney was requested for an impartial analysis of the facts and an advisory opinion pertaining to two board members. To date, no advisory opinion has been received from the District Attorney. One member involved chose to voluntarily resign his membership on the Board after nine years of active service to the town.
- Zoning Bylaws were much in the limelight in the Spring of 1978. With the Town's current rapid growth, the town's old "mutual understanding"

Bylaws are sadly inadequate to represent the needs of the town and the interests and wishes of the majority of you, the town's people. Fast changing attitudes as the old views meld with the new, showed, in 1978, a significant trend toward controlled and orderly growth of the town with an eye towards efficiency of costs and limited tax growth.

Your Board, anticipating these changing needs, and recognizing the inadequacy of the existing Bylaws, expended two years of effort in 1976-1977 in developing more definitive Bylaws. Presented at the annual Town Meeting in the Spring of 1978, they were tabled.

With the pressing need for revising subdivision regulations in 1978, the work on zoning regulations was temporarily halted to be resumed in 1979 with much greater citizen participation and, hopefully, support!

- As mentioned under Subdivisions above, considerable effort was expended by your Board in revising subdivision regulations in 1978 at the request of Town Boards and dissatisfied developers. With much assistance from many people, privately and at two public meetings, and in particularly the Board of Selectmen, Town Counsel and the Town Engineer, a significant advance was made in Subdivision Regulations. Thoroughness and consistency exist through out in an effort to insure equal treatment of all developers, while safeguarding and maintaining the interests of the town and prospective homeowners.
- Through the primary efforts of Mr. Larry Smith, Planning Assistant, and the secondary assistance of the Board of Selectmen and the Planning Board, we are now participating in a federally funded Planning Grant, administered by the Farmers' Home Administration. Planning has too frequently given way to weekly pressures requiring administrative activity by the Board. The Planning Grant, therefore, is a welcome assist to your Board. The one year - \$43,000 Grant has allowed the town to hire a full-time professional, Mr. Sam Seskin; hire professional consultants and, more importantly, draw on more town's people to assist in planning for the town's current, as well as future, growth. We hope to be able to report significant gains by this time next year if the current level of citizen involvement is indicative of the enthusiasm of the town's people towards this major project.

SUMMARY

The year has been one of major growth in the town and overwhelming activity placed on this volunteer elected Board. We have strived, although not always successfully nor with glamour and style, to keep up with the increased pace, educating ourselves, both for-

mally and by our mistakes. We sincerely trust that our efforts represent the desires of our fellow townspeople and openly encourage more people to participate in our activities at meetings, hearings and, most importantly, at Town Meeting.

A NOTE OF APPRECIATION

Stanford Harrington! A rival, a friend, an opponent, a teacher. Opinionated yet sincere in his commitment to our town—his birthplace. One of the few people in town truly knowledgeable about zoning, state laws and town historical events. Nine years on the Planning Board, guiding it, at times as Chairman, through a period of growth and turmoil, unselfishly giving to the town his time and talents. Whether we agreed with him

or opposed him, we, the members of the Board truly feel the absence of this presence. THANKS STAN!

Respectfully Submitted,

W. Daniel Fitzpatrick, Chairman
Stanford J. Harrington, Vice Chairman
(resigned - Oct. 1978)

William M. Cary, Clerk
Bruno Land, Delegate to LPVPC
Donald S. Cole, Member
Stephen Lanphear, Member
(appointed - Nov. 1978)

JoAnn Neuman, Adjunct Member
John Mullins, Adjunct Member
Dave McCollum, Adjunct Member

Belchertown Citizens' Planning Program

The Citizens' Planning Program is working towards a plan for managed growth in the Town of Belchertown. The plan includes increased employment opportunities, efficient use of the Town's tax dollars, and the preservation of the best in Belchertown while accommodating Belchertown's fair share of the population growth in the Belchertown region.

The program began in October of this year, supported by the United States Department of Agriculture, Farmers' Home Administration, the Belchertown Selectmen, and the Planning Board. The Boards hired Mrs. Doris Wright of Wright Associates as consultant to the program and hired Samuel Seskin as project planner. They work closely with Larry Smith, the Town's Planner to insure coordination of all planning work.

On November 27, 1978, over 30 citizens attended the first public meeting of the program, despite hazardous roads and freezing rain. The planning staff explained the program to the people attending and citizens offered suggestions to the staff. Both before and after the meeting the project planner met with the members of Town boards and committees to learn about their work and to acquaint them with the value of the Citizens' Planning Program to their own planning work.

Under the one-year grant, the planning staff will work with interested citizens to complete the following planning work:

1. Prepare revisions to the Town's Zoning By-Law, making it more useful to the Planning Board, the Building Inspector, the Zoning Board of Appeals, and others who must deal with the rapid rate of growth of the last few years;

2. Try to develop new sources of employment within the Town, to balance the rapid residential growth with appropriate businesses;
3. Acquire appropriate land for open space, recreation or other purposes through wise use of Federal and State funds;
4. Plan for the new public facilities and other capital improvements needed by the Town, such as new school space, equipment, and office space, in the most efficient manner possible, to hold tax increases to a minimum.

Do you have any opinions on these subjects? The Selectmen, the Planning Board and the Federal Government have asked that the planning staff listen to your thoughts. During the coming months you will hear more about the Citizens' Planning Program. There will be opportunities for you to learn about ideas which will affect the future of the Town. The planning staff hopes that you attend an evening meeting, learn about the new plans, and speak your mind!

Look for the notices and articles in newspapers. How much should the Town grow? Should we have more homes? Where? What about making our forest lands more productive? Can we plan to hold down tax increases? Can we get federal and state grants and save our local tax dollars?

The Citizens' Planning Committees will be debating the answers to these and other, related, questions during the spring and summer. We hope that you will add your thoughts.

Respectfully submitted,
Samuel Seskin
Project Planner
Citizens' Planning Program

Report of the Board of Appeals

The Board of Appeals conducted 25 hearings during the past year involving for the most part requests for special permits and variances from the terms of the Zoning By-Law. Requests for removal of gravel were the subject of 4 hearings and of these 3 were granted. Of the 3, 2 were for removal of gravel from building sites and were very limited. A request for a commercial pit off North Liberty Street was denied and an appeal from the denial is pending in Superior Court. The Board has also considered several requests for variances which involved variances from set-back requirements and actual use variances. Since July 1, 1978, the Board's authority in this regard is governed by Chapter 40A of the General Laws of Massachusetts rather than locally by the town's Zoning By-Law due to the failure of the town to amend its Zoning By-Law prior to July 1, 1978. Variances from set-back requirements are limited to those rare instances where a petitioner can meet the stringent findings that the Board of Appeals must make before it can grant a variance of this type. Also, in the case of use variances, the Board can only grant the uses which are now specified in the Zoning By-Law for a particular. Regardless of how needy and meritorious a request may be a use not so authorized cannot be authorized by the Board.

In view of the restrictions which the state has placed on the town by Chapter 40A, the Board of Appeals strongly recommends that a revision of the Zoning By-Law be done so that the town can exercise more control over its affairs in this area of zoning which is vital to the town's progress.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald R. LaPorte, Chairman

Report of the Zoning Enforcement Officer

Numerous violations of the Zoning By-Laws accrued this past year. It is the opinion of this office that many are the direct result of the By-Law itself and that much could be done to correct the ambiguities that the present law contains.

Zoning violations are actions, intentional or otherwise, which are contrary to certain laws. The receipt of a notice of violation is not a personal decision of this or any other office, but is rather an absolute directive of the Zoning By-Law itself. Correction of a violation can be achieved through means other than just cessation, e.g. Board of Appeals, Courts, etc. However, violations are much more easily corrected if to begin with, the process by which the Zoning By-Laws are created has the participation, and subsequent support of the community.

If a citizen is of the opinion that the present Zoning By-Laws violate either their personal or public rights, then that citizen must participate in the processes which allow for its change. The processes include the expression of one's view to the Planning Board; at public hearings and eventually at Town Meeting. This kind of participation should eventually lead to a clear, concise interpretation void of the ambiguities that the present law contains.

Respectfully submitted,

Elbert C. Ulshoeffer, Jr.

Office of Council on Aging

During 1978 no new areas of service were undertaken by the Council in accord with their expressed policy to forego any expansion to new areas during 1978 so that budget increases could be kept to a minimum. However, the increased population and the growing awareness of the Council's Multi-Purpose

Center resulted in a marked increase in utilization of services by residents.

The following statistical charts indicate more clearly and concisely than a lengthy report both the increased awareness and use of the Multi-Purpose Center and the 1978 growth in elderly population during the past year.

I. ELDERLY POPULATION PROFILE:

(60 and over population)

No. Community Elderly—1/1/78	726
No. Nur. Home Elderly—1/1/78	12
New Elderly during 1978 (new residents + those 60)	117
Elderly moved during 1978	21
Elderly deceased during 1978	27
No. Community Elderly—12/31/78	795
No. Nur. Home Elderly—12/31/78	19

II. ELDERLY AGE GROUPINGS & LIVING ARRANG:

Age Group	Men	Women	Living Alone	Living Others
60-64	122	141	31	232
65-69	87	104	41	150
70-74	90	76	44	122
75-79	37	51	31	57
80 +	30	57	56	31

III. UNDUPLICATED ELDERLY UTILIZING SERVICES OF COUNCIL'S MULTI-PURPOSE CENTER:

Service	No.	%	Service	No.	%
Outreach	175	22.0	Transportation ¹	126	15.9
Health	237	29.8	Ctr. Activities	168	21.1
Nutrition	192	24.2	One + Contact ²	513	64.5

¹Also transported are 21 non-elderly handicapped.

²"One + Contact" indicates at least one Center or Outreach contact with an individual.

IV. INCREASE IN USE OF COUNCIL'S MULTI-PURPOSE CENTER SERVICES:

Statistic	1977	1978
Totals—Participating at Center	8218	9225
Health Related	1104	1009
Nutrition—Center Luncheons	1779	1833
Activities	4564	4068
Drop-Ins	—	2315
First Contact	85	64
Totals—Nutrition	6351	7850
Meals on Wheels	3330	4781
Pathfinder Meal Program (transported)	1255	1236
Center Luncheons	1779	1833
Total Persons Transported	3532	5530
Total Number of Trips	—	3391
Total Outreach Contacts	869	1377
Health Related	280	863
General	535	494
First Contact	55	20
Total Telephone Visitation	793	979
Information & Referral	286	252
Title XX Referrals (Home Care)	27	32
Special Trips—Total Trips	15	29
People Participating	—	724
Volunteers—(Unduplicated)	49	42
Total Volunteer Hours	1656	1783

Two new staff persons joined the Council staff during 1978; Bessie Getlin as the primary Outreach person and Mary Racine as the second part-time cook. The response of individuals as volunteers continued excellent during the year; volunteers continuing to serve in numerous capacities.

In 1978 the Council secured funding from several sources over and above the Town appropriation. Title IX funding from the Older American's Act paid wages and fringe benefits for our two Senior Aides. Title III funding from the Older American's Act financed the Home Health Aide service for Belchertown elderly under the Quaboag Visiting Nurse Assn. and also the Center Kitchen remodeling and equipment project. Over \$30,000 of Social Security Act Title XX funds were expended in Belchertown to provide Homemaker and Chore service to 31 elderly residents on a regular basis during 1978. Throughout 1978 the Belchertown Senior Citizens' Center Assn. continued to finance many of the Council services; purchasing and maintaining the second vehicle, paying the bulk of maintenance costs on the van, supporting Center activities and trips, and purchasing a public address system and a pool table for the center.

Nutrition services continued to have priority emphasis during the year. In February the Meals on Wheels service was increased to a seven-day-a-week service. For the first time Christmas Day meals were prepared at the Center and delivered to 23 elderly by "Mrs. Santa Claus" and her helpers. It is noteworthy that again in 1978 Meals on Wheels were delivered with no cancellations due to either holidays or inclement weather. The congregate meals program—both the Center Luncheons and the daily Pathfinder meals—experienced no change in 1978 except for the number participating.

Health-related services remained a high priority with monthly hypertension clinics at the Multi-purpose Center in cooperation with Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School nursing students under the supervision of Mrs. Barbara Andrews. The May



Council on Aging

Helen Renouf, Marion Harrington, Nancy White, Mary E. Clauss, Roy King, Sr., Bradford F. Purdy-Chairman, Eleanor W. Nickerson. Missing from photo: Arlena MacPherson, William H. Squires

Health Fair and the Fall Flu Clinic were important preventive health services. Many health providers and individuals contributed their time and expertise to these clinics and for this we are most grateful. Home health visits both by the staff R.N. and volunteer R.N.'s provided ongoing health visits to over 35 of our home-bound. The Council staff continued to work very closely with Rose Tyburski, Quaboag Visiting Nurse in delivering "overall nutrition, health and transportation" services to our frail elderly.

The Council's Door-to-Door Transportation service grew at an unpredicted rate during the year. This growth due to an increased awareness of the service, an increase in the number of individuals dependent on this service and the overall increase in the number of elderly in our community. During the latter part of 1978 the Council published a Transportation Policy which clearly indicates the types and destinations of the

Council's transportation service. It is the Council's hope that this policy will help to keep this service realistic in scope and cost while at the same time meeting the transportation needs of our community. In the fall the Association purchased a second vehicle to help relieve the transportation load on privately-owned cars.

The other high priority services of the Council—Outreach, Information & Referral, Activities, Trips and Crafts—continued to fill vital roles in the Multi-Purpose Center, meeting needs of many of our elderly, though none of these services demand high cash outlay on the part of the Town—the main cost being a portion of the wages and salaries of personnel.

Another community-wide service is the Medical Equipment Loan Service which is operated for the benefit of all community residents. Late in 1978 a new wheel chair was donated by the Lions Club as a valuable addition to this Loan Service.

The support given to the services of the Council by Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School should be noted and appreciation expressed. In addition to the regular monthly assistance with the Council's clinics, Pathfinder students are doing all the carpentry work involved in the kitchen renovation and are sponsoring monthly Bingo games at the Center.

Your Council on Aging is dedicated to the "overall well-being of the residents of this community 60 years of age and over" and appreciates the support which they have received from local government, organizations and individuals. As the Council looks to 1979 they do not plan any new areas of service, but are unanimous in their determination to meet the increases in present services necessitated by population increases and existing needs.

Respectfully submitted,

Clare Oberly,
Louise Wadsworth

Personnel Board

The Personnel Board is now going into its fourth year of existence under the present town Personnel By Law.

The Board has maintained an ongoing review of the job classifications for those positions under the By Law.

The Board also has reviewed the compensation chart in relation to other towns in the surrounding area and with the other job markets to keep the chart on a fair and equitable level.

Industrial Development Commission



Development & Industrial Committee

Peter Zimmerman, Peter G. Burton-Chairman, Gregory Dillard, Owens Taylor. Missing from photo: Michael Geser, Mary McCollum, Edward H. Parker

The Industrial Development Commission has been active this year trying to obtain new business and retain that which Belchertown already has. The goal of economic expansion in our business community has placed a new emphasis on our relationships with area bankers, contractors and businessmen.

Working closely with town officials, the Industrial Development Commission has directed its attention to a number of special projects. These include the development of the town's industrial-zoned properties and the search for new commercial enterprises.

There were several new appointments made to the Commission. Meetings take place on the second Tuesday of each month. We have a diversified group of people on our commission and we are supportive to anyone desiring to become a part of the Belchertown business community.

Our Commission is able to provide assistance in planning and developing a new business; expansion and/or development of an existing business; available business sites in Belchertown and many other business-oriented services.

We look forward to a busy year.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter G. Burton, Chairman
Gregory Dillard
Michael Geser
Mary McCollum
Edward Parker
Owens Taylor
Peter Zimmerman

Historical Commission



Historical Commission

Suzanne Bay, Shirley A. Bock, Helen F. Lister, Gerald G. Tremaine-Chairman. Missing from photo: Keith Bettencourt

The Historical Commission has continued to meet on a monthly basis to review and compile historical data.

The Commission accepted with regret the resignation of John W. Cox, a CETA appointee, effective March 1, 1978.

The Commission voted unanimously to apply for a second CETA employee to complete basic research,

survey forms, and begin to organize information gathered in conducting the survey of historic buildings and sites. Mr. Thomas J. Morgan of Northampton was appointed through the CETA program to work with the commission for a one year term beginning in May 1978.

Mr. Morgan began organizing materials immediately, and prepared a large map of the town showing all buildings, structures and sites on which research had been completed, those nearly completed, and those remaining buildings and areas on which little or no research had been done. He had continued research on those areas which developed early and compiled data relating to the social and economic development of the town.

The survey is now considered to be eighty to ninety percent complete and plans are being made for publication of at least some of the data collected during the survey. There is the possibility of a colored slide presentation to acquaint new and old residents with Belchertown's past and to encourage preservation of older buildings and homes as part of our future.

BELCHERTOWN HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Gerald G. Tremaine, Chairman	Suzanne Bay
Keith Bettencourt	Shirley A. Bock
Helen F. Lister	

Report of the Conservation Commission

The year 1978 was busy for the Conservation Commission. Two new members were appointed and a new chairperson elected.

The Commission officially opened the Town's first Conservation area, Jabish Brook Conservation Area, off route 202 in the north end of Town. Town CETA employees built a bridge across Jabish Brook to make the 35 acres accessible to the public for hiking, birding, snowshoeing, picnicing, etc. This Spring a drive will be bulldozed to allow access to safe parking at the site and the Commission will conduct nature walks and other programs on this beautiful land. The Commission hopes that, through an active land acquisition program with the support of Town residents, more conservation areas will be designated to preserve our natural beauty and permit enjoyment for local residents.

Administration of the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act has taken a large part of the Commission's time. (Wetlands are extremely valuable for their role in flood control, for ground water supply, as wildlife habitat, and for scenic beauty. The law requires that plans for any building or landscaping work which may affect wetlands must be reviewed by the Conservation Commission. Residents anticipating such work should contact the Commission.) The Conservation Commission has processed numerous applications for wetlands cases, made on-site inspections, issued orders of conditions, and filed related state forms. Cooperation with other boards in Town has been an overriding goal and to this end the Massachusetts Audubon Society's book "A Guide to Understanding and Administering the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act" has been

distributed to Town boards. Commission members have strengthened their own knowledge about the wetlands act and three members attended workshops at the annual meeting of the Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissioners.

Other activities this past year have included:

- Representation on the Holyoke Range Advisory Committee;
- The purchase of a polaroid camera for use in on-site wetlands inspections;
- A free nature slide show by Les Campbell;
- Sending a young man from Belchertown to the 4-H Conservation School in Ashland, Mass.
- Continued meetings with other town boards and county conservation agencies;

The Conservation Commission meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall. Interested residents are welcome to attend meetings to learn more about the conservation issues of Belchertown.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Kuc
Pat Guild
John R. Besse, Jr.
Louis B. Laframboise
Gary Taylor
Robert Brooks
Marcia E. Walker,
Chairperson (resigned)

Maintenance Dept.

The Maintenance Department now consists of one full-time Town employee and two CETA employees. With this crew of three, we have completed important projects for the Town. Two large projects were the finishing of the Band Building at the Junior-Senior High School and the complete renovation of the Finnerty House. Renovation at the Finnerty House created new offices for the Town Clerk, Collector, Treasurer and the Police Department.

During spring and summer months the Department is busy with the care of five baseball diamonds and Town Beach Area.

In order to keep Municipal buildings in top shape

with regard to maintenance, cleaning and repair, plus the ball fields groomed, it does require the men of this Department.

I am asking the taxpayers of our community to support the budget that I have submitted for the coming fiscal year so we may complete the unending tasks needed so we can be proud of the appearance and condition of Town property.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth H. Snow
Selectmen, Maintenance Liaison

Housing Authority

The Belchertown Housing Authority has on 48 unit elderly housing complex in management. The project, Everett Acres, was built and is administered under the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Chapter 667 elderly housing program. The budgeted anticipated operational cost for fiscal year 1979 is \$59,899.00 with an anticipated deficit of \$19,649.00, which will be funded directly by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The Housing Authority receives no funds from the Town of Belchertown. The apartments administered by the Authority are fully occupied with a waiting list of 57 applicants.

The Authority has recently received notification from the Marken Corp. of Holyoke that they are now accepting applications for their 60 unit elderly project under construction. Letters were sent to all applicants on the Authority's waiting list notifying them of the availability of these fully subsidized units.

The Housing Authority sought permission at Town Meeting to build additional units of elderly housing to meet future needs, but received no support from any other local governmental body. The article was amended on Town Meeting floor to allow the Authority to do a housing needs study and passed by Town Meeting vote. The Housing Authority wrote to the Board of Selectmen and the Planning Board explaining a housing needs survey would fall within the duties of the Planning Board and that while the Housing Authority was funded exclusively for the operational cost of their project, they would be willing to fully co-operate with the Planning Board in conducting such a study. To date no further action has been taken on such a study.

The latest Department of Community Affairs housing needs study for Belchertown regarding Chapter 774, more commonly called the anti-snob zoning law, shows 15.75 percent of the existing year around dwelling units are specifically for low income families or elderly either through rent or mortgage assistance, well in excess of the 10 percent required to be in compliance

with the law. However, when outstanding building permits as of 1-1-78 are added, this figure is reduced to only 10.23 percent.

The Section 8 Federal Rental Assistance program for low and moderate income families in Belchertown is operated by the Housing Allowance Program, Inc. of Springfield, a regional non-profit housing agency. They are currently providing rental subsidy funds for 14 low or moderate income families within the town. Under Section 8 program an individual or family is determined to be eligible on the basis of income. If found to be eligible, they are given a certificate of participation and may rent any apartment of their choice, providing the rent is not in excess of the maximum allowed under the program. Applications for this program are taken only once a year. The Housing Authority is notified when applications will be accepted and posts flyers in as many public places as possible to notify local residents. More information on this program can be obtained by calling 1-800-332-9667, a toll free number. The Housing Authority has applied to HUD for direct administration of this federal rental assistance program, as we feel it could be administered more efficiently and fairly on a local rather than regional basis. We have heard nothing further on our most recent application dated November 1978.

In addition to the above programs, a percentage of the apartments at the Lord Jeffery are fully subsidized under the Rural Rental Program of the Farmers Home Administration and are available for the elderly and low and moderate income families. Under this program up to 20 percent of the units in a project built and occupied previous to November 1977 may be subsidized and up to 40 percent of the units built and occupied after that date. The most recently available figures indicate there are 61 fully subsidized units at the Lord-Jeffery. Under this program, the federal subsidy is directly administered by the owner.

Rents in apartments owned and administered by the Housing Authority, in fully subsidized units under the Rural Rent Program, and subsidized tenants under the Section 8 rental assistance program are all based on 25 percent of the tenant's net income. With several agencies administering rental programs within the town, it becomes more difficult for this Authority to prepare an accurate report, but we will continue to try to keep residents informed of rental programs available to low and moderate income families and elderly within the Town of Belchertown.

BELCHERTOWN HOUSING AUTHORITY

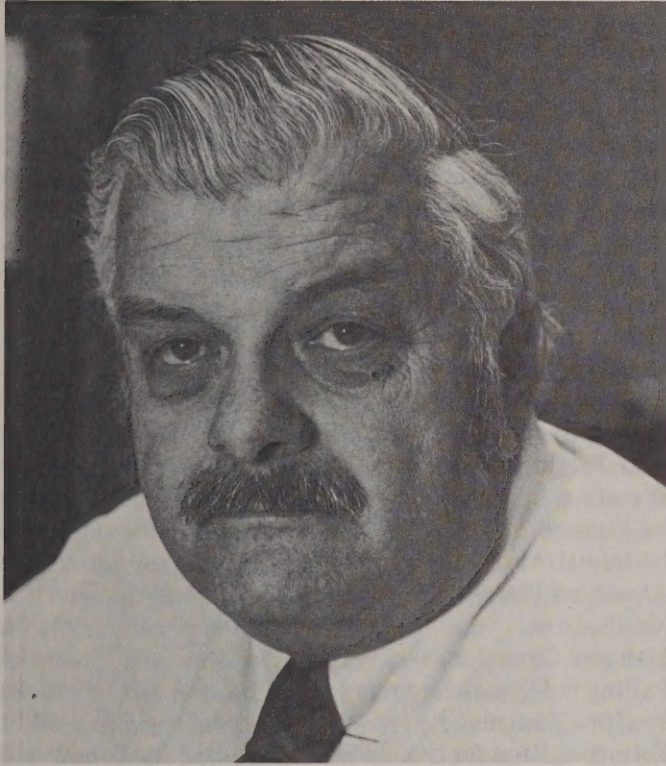
Edmund F. Wallace, Chairman	Arlan V. Skinner
Sophia M. Pero	Kenneth W. Thayer
Thomas C. Kubacki	



Housing Authority

Thomas C. Kubacki, Kenneth Thayer, Arlan V. Skinner, Sophia M. Pero, Edmund F. Wallace-Chairman

Police Department Report



**Chief of Police
Ernest M. Gay**

Message from the Chief to the Citizens of Belchertown:

As your Chief of Police, my primary concern is to see that each member of the Belchertown Police Department is serving and protecting each and every resident and their properties.

This past year crime trend statistics released by the Massachusetts Crime Reporting Unit, to which this department submits a monthly report, has indicated that serious crime reported in the Commonwealth has overall decreased, but violent crime has increased.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation's publication of "Crime in the United States" has determined that Massachusetts ranks first in the nation for motor vehicle theft, twelfth for robbery, thirteenth for burglary, sixteenth for property crimes, eighteenth in violent crimes and nineteenth in aggravated assault. Massachusetts ranks fifteenth in the nation's total crime index.

I urge all residents, after discovering the above statistics, to take precautionary measures to help lower these statistics and make Belchertown the safest place to reside. All citizens may take an active part in this by being alert and reporting suspicious activities in your area to this department. This will be of great value and assistance to our department.

This department has felt the rapid growth of the town in many ways. It was inevitable that the police

department was called upon by citizens demanding more services. I feel that this department must continue to expand as does the town and this should be one of the top priorities amongst townspeople. Statistics also show that there should be one officer for every five hundred population. At the present time we have four full-time officers for an estimated population of eight thousand. The time has come when we need a twenty-four-hour working department.

Part-time officers still outnumber full-time men. These officers are doing an excellent job. The only drawback is that the state law bars them from attending the Police Academy and their primary jobs which give them their livelihood prevent them from attending other schools which would be an asset to them.

In conclusion, I wish to express my thanks to all townspeople, all departments and Mr. Peetz, our Liaison, for their cooperation.

Sincerely,

Ernest M. Gay
Chief of Police

PERSONNEL

The strength of the department consists of a Chief, one full-time Sergeant, three full-time patrolmen, nine part-time patrolmen, two church traffic officers, and two policewomen.

In February, a part-time officer was put into a full-time position. Roman Kucinski was selected to replace a CETA officer, Jeff Famiglietti, who resigned to return to New York. Roman attended the twelve-week Springfield Police Academy and graduated on August eleventh with an academic average of 90.60%. He covers the midnight to eight a.m. shift.

At the annual town meeting, it was approved by the towns people that we add another full-time officer to the department. On August first, William C. Zobka joined the department as a full-time officer. He also attended the Springfield Police Academy and graduated on December first with an academic average of 91.9%. Officer Zobka's tour of duty is replacing two other full-time men on their days off.

This year, as of June thirtieth, Sergeant Merton L. Pratt retired after twenty years of devoted service to the town.

Officers Winthrop Kellogg, William Beatty, Jr., and Kevin Donovan were added to the part-time department.

TRAINING

Springfield Police Academy

—12 weeks—Officer Roman Kucinski

Springfield Police Academy
 —12 weeks—Officer William C. Zobka

Massachusetts Attorney General's

Criminal Offender Record Information Seminar
 —Chief Ernest M. Gay
 —Officer Patricia Antonovitch

Search and Seizure
 —Two-day Seminar—Sgt. Robert A. Knight
 —Officer Ernest M. Gay, Jr.

Current National Issues in Police Administration
 —One week—Chief Ernest M. Gay
 —Officer Patricia Antonovitch

Department Activities

Complaints	3,176
Accidents Investigated	290
Doors and Windows (found open)	877
House Checks	639
Protective Custody	34
Fatal Accidents	5
Ambulance Trips and Emergency Runs	377

1978 Court Offenses

Assault and Battery	11
Aggravated Assault	3
Burglary (Breaking and Entering)	16

Larceny (Except Auto)	23
Receiving Stolen Property	3
Firearms	2
Narcotics	20
Disorderly Conduct	4
Larceny of Auto	1
Use of Car without Authority	4
Driving after Revocation	8
Town By-Laws—(Drinking in Public)	2
Driving under the Influence	42
Liquor Law Violation	2
All other Offenses (except auto)	13
Driving to Endanger	27
Stop Sign Violations (and lights)	202
Assault on a Police Officer	1
Failure to stop for Police Officer	4
Auto Property Damage	9
Speeding	506
No License	98
No Registration	73
Attaching Plates	8
No Stickers	24
Fish and Game Laws	14
Failing to License Dogs	90
Traffic Offenses	114
Failure to Stop for School Bus	3
Juvenile Cases	29
TOTAL CASES	1356

Fire Department Report

As Fire Chief and Forest Warden, I hereby submit the following for the annual report of the Fire Department:

Before I set down the figures, I would like to make a few comments to the citizens of town:

This Department was deeply saddened by the loss of two of its members this year; namely, Robert K. Anderson and Royal K. Gay, both of whom are greatly missed.

As might be expected, a community such as ours cannot experience a rapid growth rate such as we are having without its effect being felt in all departments in town. The demands and requests for services from this department are escalating in leaps and bounds. The facts shown in the records listed below represent only a small portion of time, without any indication of the many hours of administrative and paper work involved. To mention a few such as issuance of oil burner permits, inspection of same, plus inspection of smoke detectors can keep one person quite busy. Then there was the problem of wood-burning stove installations and inspections, which now comes under the jurisdiction of the Building Inspector. Also, since July of this

year, applications for Oil Burner permits have been handled by that office. I would also mention that this past year showed a change in open air burning (usually March 15-April 15) from January 15 to April 15. To try to accommodate the people in town, the members volunteered to man the station week-day nights and weekends, representing a total of 248 man-hours for the issuance of these permits.

I would also like to make mention that this town has become a member of the Hampshire County Mutual Aid organization and is quite actively involved. What this means is that we have 21 towns and cities in the county which are available to us for mutual aid in the case of really serious fires or disaster control. It will be especially helpful when we experience some of the large forest fires such as we have had in the past.

Training is an ongoing process as in the past. Members have attended outside schools in the areas of chemical hazards, and also a school on water supplies outside of hydrant areas, dealing with water shuttling and tanker supplies. To the regular auxiliary and junior-auxiliary members, led by Assistant Chief

Donald Bock and Lt. David Hodgen respectively, we appreciate a job well done.

The air compressor has proven itself as an efficient piece of equipment both for fireground operations and for drill purposes. The equipment has been constantly up-graded and maintained. We are looking forward to the day that we receive the Jaws of Life, which is being sponsored by the Junior Chamber of Commerce. Their target date is sometime in '79. It is this kind of support which helps to make a group more efficient and successful in its endeavors to provide an emergency-gear operation.

On February 19, 1929, this department, as it is known today, was established by a group of men who had the foresight to anticipate the needs of a volunteer fire department. The year 1979 marks the 50th anniversary of this organization and our hats are off to the contributions made by all of the volunteers since its inception who have served our town so faithfully with dedication for his neighbor.

I wish to thank the many "assists" that we have received and especially a "thank you" to, first and foremost, the vote of confidence shown by the taxpayers at the annual appropriations meeting.

We are grateful for the support given to us by the entire Board of Selectmen, Raymond Peetz, our liaison member to the board, the Finance Committee for its support at budget time and to Chief Gay of the Police Department and his men for assistance.

I would also like to make a special mention to the Bondsville Fire Department for the many responses which they have made on our side of the river. This has to be most comforting to the people living in South Belchertown. Also, to the surrounding towns of Amherst, Pelham, Granby, Palmer, Three Rivers, for back-up, our thanks. To M.D.C. for coverage at the stations and, last but not least, thanks to the telephone operators at B.S.S. who receive all fire calls on a 24-hour-a-day basis. They really are our nervous system. I cannot forget a thank you to all who in any way faithfully support our annual raffle.

My heartfelt thanks to the members of this department; I am proud to serve with such a dedicated and loyal group of men.

The following figures are not only for this past year of 1978, but also for the years '77 and '76 to indicate in a way the effects of our population growth and needs.

Responses to calls for assistance totaled 202 for this year of 1978, an increase of 29 calls. Other figures to be noted are:

	1978	1977	1976
Building Fires	48	36	44
Chimney Fires	25	9	20
Mobile Homes	1	0	2
Vehicles	35	26	29
Rescues	4	2	—

Utility Poles & Wires	1	9	3
Dump Runs	1	1	2
Forest & Grass Fires	49	40	39
False Alarms	18	11	6
Investigations	18	—	—
Searches (Missing Persons)	1	1	3
Mutual Aid	1	2	—
Truck Mileage	1,208.5	847	751
Hours of fire suppression	185.99	168.24	138.45
Total Man Hours of Fire Suppression	3,136.94	2,770	2,192
Average Member Responses	52.55%	49.14%	48%
Loss of Life:			
Fire	1		
Vehicle	3		
Drowning	1		

Total Estimated Loss to Buildings \$183,050 \$43,700

Total Estimated Loss for Contents 71,500 29,250

Total Estimated Loss for Vehicles 37,045 31,525

Good indicators of the future activities which might be anticipated should be noted in the categories of building fires—up 12; chimney fires—up 16; vehicles—up 9; false alarms—up 7; investigations (new categories) and a real substantial increase in dollar losses due to fire and vandalism.

Belchertown Fire Dept. Personnel

Fire Chief	Raymond R. Menard
Assistant Chief	Donald F. Bock
Deputy Chief	Carl J. Peterson, Jr.
Deputy Chief	Louis E. Fuller
Captain	Harry Brougham
Lieutenant	David Hodgen
Lieutenant	Samuel Joyal
Lieutenant	Edward Fuller
Lieutenant	Hugh Hubbard, Jr.

Members

*Royal Gay	Herbert Wood
Timothy Lofland	Richard Knight
Irving Hislop	Raymond Peeso
William Shattuck	David Auclair
Kenneth J. Thayer	Paul Greene
Bruce Officer	Roy Reece, Jr.
Thomas Fuller	George Greule
Benjamin Williams	*Robert Anderson
Albert Dewhurst	Larry Barthelette
Richard McGinnis	Walter Newth
Gordon Hodge	Sherman Gould

*Deceased

Respectfully submitted,
Raymond R. Menard
Fire Chief and
Forest Fire Warden

Dog Officer's Report

RESTRAINING ORDER

In accordance with Chapter 140, Section 167 of the Massachusetts General Laws, the Board of Selectmen orders that all dogs be restrained from running at large. To enforce said law, the Dog Officer is instructed to pick up all dogs found in violation of this order. The law provides that the owner may claim such dog and, after the payment of five dollars for the first offense, or ten dollars for the second offense, fifteen dollars for third offense, etc., up to twenty-five dollars, plus two dollars for each day that the dog was so held, it shall be returned to the owners. If the dog is not claimed within ten days, it shall be destroyed. The Board of Selectmen feels that this order is necessary to reduce the number of dog complaints so prevalent lately.

Post Script: Let us try not to punish our dogs for our own negligence!



Dog Officer
Robert W. Chevalier

This is an annual report of the Dog Officer and Assistant for the year 1978.

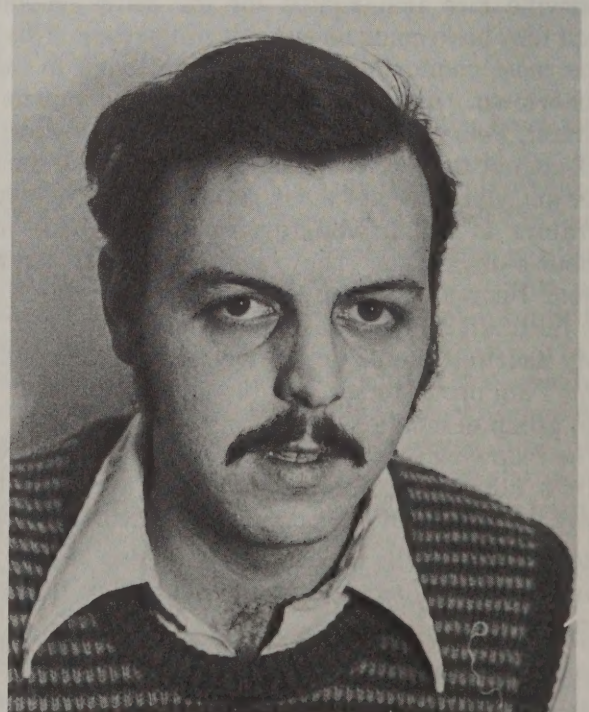
Strays	151
Investigations	151
Dogs Hit by Cars	35
Found Owners	29
\$10.00 Kennel License	57
\$25.00 Kennel License	4
\$50.00 Kennel License	0
Regular Licenses	1340
Total Miles Covered	2641

All dogs over three months old should be licensed by April 1. This year there were 90 late payers who were fined \$10.00 each.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert W. Chevalier
Dog Officer

Terry Chevalier
Assistant



Sealer of Weights and Measures
Kenneth Gay

Report of the Inspector of Buildings

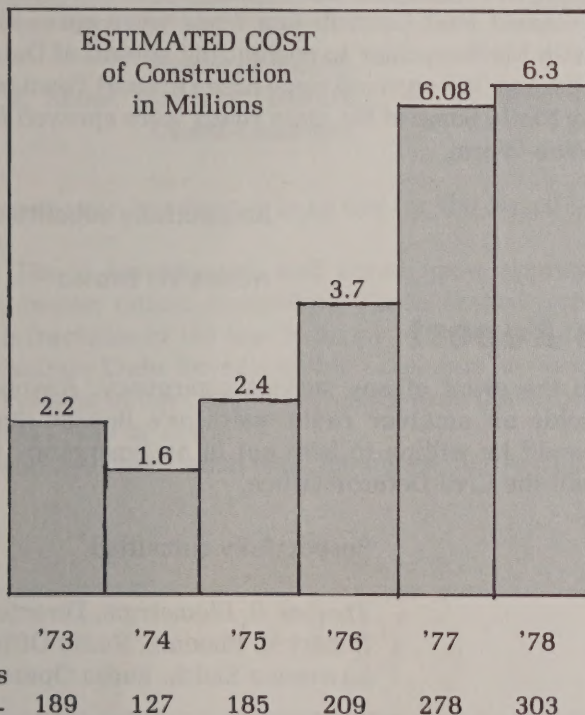
Compared with 1977 figures, building permits issued for 1978 indicate a slight decline in construction of single family homes. This should not be construed as representing a leveling off in that area of construction for it is in all probability the result of Chapter 40 Section 54 of Ma. General Laws Annotated which requires that water be available (wells drilled) before a building permit can be issued. This office commenced enforcement of the law in September 1978. Consequently builders were denied permits until their wells were in, thereby, creating a stalling effect continuing through winter at which time builders are most reluctant to in-

itiate construction. I'm sure that spring will unleash what was contained by this enforcement and Belcher-town will continue to grow. Hopefully the pace can be controlled and the course reflect the interest and needs of its citizens.

Cost of construction rose slightly to an estimated \$6,387,845.00 approximately \$200,000 above last year's figure.

Respectfully submitted,

Elbert C. Ulshoeffer, Jr.



Single Family	114
Multi family	1-60 units
Shed/Barns/Garage	33
Chimney/woodstove	25
Demolitions	9
Add/Alter/Repair	34
Commerical	5
Mobile homes	64
Public Buildings	1
Pools	10

Total No. Building Permits	303
Estimated Cost	\$6,387,845.00

Oil Burner Permits	84
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Revenue Received	
Building Permits	\$15,538.00
Burner Permits	842.00
Certificate of Inspection	175.00

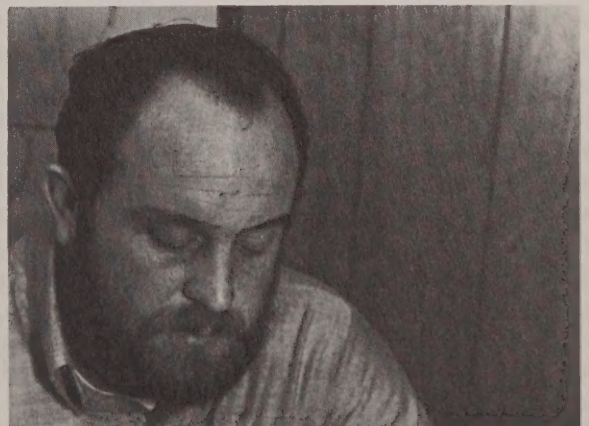
Total Revenues 1978	\$16,555.00
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Wiring Inspector's Report

A total of 289 wiring permits were issued in 1978 for a total permit fee of \$5,852.00. These permits created the need for 799 inspections by the inspector and the assistant inspector. The inspector processed 651 inspections and was remitted \$3,255.00 while the assistant inspector processed 148 inspections and was remitted \$740.00. The total expenses for the department came to \$1,163.10. This department is self-supporting.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert J. Henrichon



Report of the Tree Warden and Superintendent of Insect Pest Control



**Tree Warden
Albert W. Brown**

I hereby submit my report for the year of 1978 as Tree Warden and Superintendent of Insect Pest Control.

Tree Warden: During the year, forty-three (43) dangerous trees were cut down. We had a blizzard January 20 and February 6 & 7 that did extensive damage. On June 26 we had rain with high winds that caused more damage. December 17 was very windy; that caused more damage. This department planted eight Crimson King and eight Sugar Maples.

Dutch Elm Disease: Twenty four (24) diseased trees were cut down and destroyed.

Insect Pest Control: Elm trees were sprayed twice with Methoxychlor to combat the spread of Dutch Elm Disease. We sprayed some areas around Town for Gypsy Moth. Some of the main roads were sprayed for Fall Web Worm.

Respectfully submitted,

Albert W. Brown

Civil Defense Report

The emergency communications center of the Defense Civil Preparedness Agency (DCPA) was in operation throughout the duration of the severe blizzard of 1978. During that time contact was maintained with other towns in Western Mass. and with our own police and highway departments as well as with State Police and the Area IV DCPA headquarters at the Belchertown State School. Fortunately, we were not hit as hard as was the eastern end of the state so no extraordinary measures were necessary. Our radio officer and newly appointed radio operator continually monitor the emergency communications channels in the area and maintain our equipment in peak operating order. Both recently participated in a Red Cross approved simulated emergency drill in the Springfield-Chicopee area.

Through the Federal Government sponsored excess property program we have obtained a second four wheel drive vehicle which has been placed at the disposal of the Fire Department. Through this same program we have also acquired a self-contained water purification unit which could be of immense value in the event of a prolonged power failure in the area. It should be noted that these and other items leased to us through the excess property program are obtained at no cost to the Town.

Although a new radio operator recently volunteered his services, we still need others who are willing to take on the job of helping to maintain communications

in the event of any serious emergency. Anyone who holds an amateur radio operator's license and who would be willing to help out in an emergency should call the Civil Defense Office.

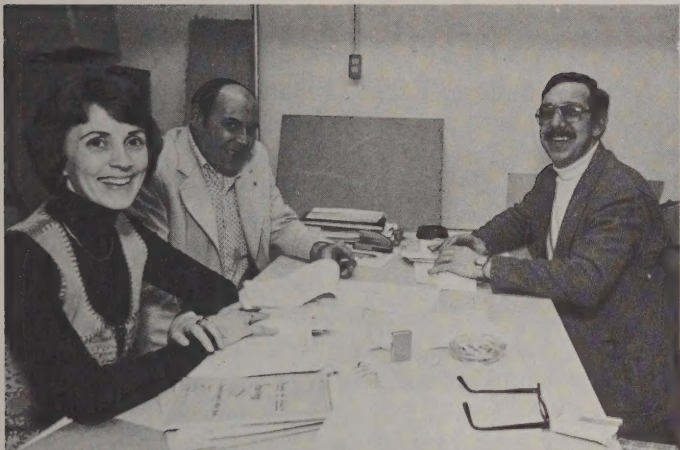
Respectfully submitted,

Thomas P. Blomstrum, Director
Robert H. Phoenix, Radio Officer
Lawrence Smith, Radio Operator



**Civil Defense Director
Thomas Blomstrom
Radio Operator
Lawrence Smith**

Board of Health



Board of Health

Linda H. Snow, James A. Bonafini, Sr., Francis A. Dudek-Chairman

The past year has been a busy one for the Board of Health.

This Board investigated and acted upon approximately twenty citizen complaints. These ranged from minor infractions of the law to major violations of the State Sanitary Code. Several of the complaints involved septic systems in the Ledgewood subdivision and other scattered areas in Town.

At least 300 percolation tests for subsurface sewage

disposal systems were conducted and 140 installed systems were inspected. These included both new and repaired systems.

Proposals of seven subdivisions were reviewed with our recommendations being forwarded to the Planning Board.

Due to the retirement of Edward Czupkiewicz as plumbing inspector, John Brunelle of George Hannum Road was appointed to that position by this Board as of July 1, 1978.

In conjunction with Dr. Collard, school physician, and Mrs. Ayers, RN, school nurse, 520 immunizations were given either at the three clinics offered by the Board of Health or during the school day. Once again, flu shots were offered to Town employees and the elderly.

A joint meeting of health care providers to the citizens of this Town was held November 28, 1978. The purpose of the meeting was to increase communication among the agencies, to provide information on each other's areas of service and to eliminate duplication of such services. Future meetings are planned.

Respectfully submitted,

Francis Dudek, Chairman
Linda Snow
James Bonafini, Sr.

Report of the Clerk of Infectious Diseases

As Agent-Sanitarian for the Board of Health, I respectfully submit my annual report for 1978.

During 1978, routine monthly inspections were made on all food service establishments and retail food service establishments. The condition of the establishments, for the most part, was good.

Monthly inspections were made at the two mobilhome parks. The condition of the parks was good. The expansion of one of the parks has been done extremely well.

During the summer months water samples were taken from the town beach and from the bath-house drinking fountain. Both sources were satisfactory. Both the beach and building are well maintained.

Once again, the food booths at the fair were inspected by the Board of Health and myself. Most of the

establishments are mobile units and had both hot and cold running water. The condition of the units has, in the past few years, become better and better. I hope, in the future, continued improvement is obtainable.

Consultation was provided the Board of Health as the need arose. A very sincere thank you is extended to the Board of Health for the time given to me when the need arose.

I wish to thank the people of Belchertown for giving me the fine cooperation that made my work that much easier.

Respectfully submitted,

John A. Brickett, R.S.
Agent-Sanitarian

Sanitarian

Animal Bites	14
Chicken Pox	6
Gonorrhea	3
Hepatitis	2
Impetigo	3
Measles	1
Salmonellosis	6
Streptococcal (sore throat)	181

Respectfully submitted,

Charlotte P. Ketchen, R.N.

Visiting Nurse Report

70 patients—1402 nursing visits
 17 patients—602 Home Health Aide visits
 3 patients—24 physiotherapy visits
 2 patients—5 occupational therapy visits
 2 patients—used the Bridgeman Fund
 5 patients—serviced under Title III, which is a program under Elder American Act to help people 60 and over who are not able to get help under another insurance program and do not qualify under Medicaid.

The Health Aide program is continuing to prove to be a most worthwhile endeavor. Home Health aide visits almost doubled this year leaving the visiting nurse to administer the skilled care, to plan the health care in the home plus patient education. As this program is growing a greater need is also noted for more health aides from the Belchertown area as sometimes the care has to be fulfilled by aides from a more distant area which adds to the cost of the agency.

The Visiting Nurse continues:

- (1) to work closely with the senior center to aid age group 60 and over and makes a daily stop at the center to pick up calls and referrals.
- (2) to keep in touch with the town communicable disease nurse.
- (3) to utilize town resources and town organizations.

Respectfully submitted,
 Rose C. Tyburski, R.N.,
 Staff Nurse
 Quaboag Valley Visiting
 Nurse Association, Inc.

Report of the Animal Inspector

In accordance with the Division of Animal Health, inspections on ninety-eight (98) places where animals are boarded and conditions under which they are kept has been completed and reports sent to the Division in Boston.

There were twenty-nine dog bites reported and visits were made to quarantine and examine dogs. None showed symptoms of rabies and were released after ten days. I received notices directly from persons bitten, dog owners, doctors' offices or from hospital emergency rooms.

Also reported were two raccoon bites. Both animals were shipped to Boston so that they could be tested for rabies. Both came back negative.

Respectfully submitted,

Stanley W. Antonovitch
 Animal Inspector

Report of the Sewer Commission

During the past year we have continued our usual maintenance, regularly checking the few places that we have known to be trouble spots. We have also checked the entire system, making repairs where necessary and clearing brush from the sewer right of way in order to maintain access in case of trouble.

Every year there are more new connections and this year we added connections to new houses on Howard Street.

We have spent a great deal of time in the effort to get the South Belchertown Sewer Project under construction. The agreement between Belchertown and Palmer, plus the rules and regulations of numerous other agencies involved has delayed the actual work on the project. The construction company bids are in and the construction on the project will begin as soon as we can complete the paper work involved.

Respectfully submitted,

Harry Brougham, Chairman
 A. Preston Atwood
 Ronald Blaine

Highway Department Report



Highway Department

Kenneth Thayer, Walter Newth, Richard Plant, Quincy Ferguson, Harry A. Dodge-Highway Superintendent.
Missing from photo: John Dodge, Robert Lapointe, Richard Nelson, Lewis Squires, Edward Martin

As in previous years, the Highway Department has been very busy this past year. As the Town grows the burden placed on the Highway Department becomes heavier and heavier. It appears that this year's high growth rate will be repeated next year and continue to create heavy workloads for this Department.

We are continuing with our program of resealing the streets. Over the past two years we have completed many of the streets in Town and hopefully, within the next few years we will have all of the dirt roads in Town sealed. When this phase of the program is complete, the program then calls for the reconstruction of older roads and the resealing of newer ones.

As in the past, drainage is still one of the Department's largest problems. Homes have crowded the water to the streets, also leaving no plans for the Town to drain water from the roads. This past year we did work on Warren Wright Street, North Street, Summit Street, Bay Road and started the hard and very much needed drainage on Juckett Hill Road. We also did ditch work on South Street which caused hazardous winter conditions.

We realize that there are many more streets in Town that need drainage work, but with limited time and funds, we try to do as many as possible. Our aim is to install drainage systems in the problem areas.

Due to limited funds, we didn't construct as many dirt roads with stone and oil as we wanted, but we did get a section of Underwood Street done which we plan to finish this year.

We completed Allen Street and did a short section of Sabin Street and Johnson Street.

We have plans to start Federal Street this year and Metacommet Street, plus short sections of other streets in Town.

One of our largest projects was the opening of the new section of Bay Road. The funding for this project came from the State under Chapter 765. We have plans of finishing this section next year and start the next phase from Bay Road and Stebbins Street to Metacommet Street surveyed and plans drawn for construction to begin the year after.

The Department had a change in management after Albert L. LePage retired in May. The Department had to operate for approximately six weeks without a Superintendent. With the daily attention by myself and the extreme cooperation and professional attitude of all the men in the Department, we managed to accomplish the scheduled summer work. This continued until we appointed Harry A. Dodge to the position of Highway Superintendent. Mr. Dodge worked for the Highway Department for 11 years as grader operator. With this knowledge of road construction and repair that Mr. Dodge has acquired over the years, and the overall knowledge of Belchertown geographically, the Board voted to appoint Mr. Dodge Highway Superintendent.

The Department's major equipment consists of six dump trucks, one grader, one new loader, four sanders, one dozer loader for the Sanitary Landfill Area, eight ton roller and four pick-up trucks - two used by the Maintenance Department. I am asking the Town to replace one dump truck and one sander this year in order to keep on a replacement schedule and to keep our equipment in excellent working condition.

The past year brought hazardous winter conditions.



**Highway Superintendent
Harry A. Dodge**

This year the water problem has created icy and rutty roads. During and after storms the Highway Department works around the clock to keep roads in as good condition as possible for the safety and convenience of our citizens. Ice is much more difficult and costly to control. I would like to thank all the citizens of the Town in having patience while we work to combat these conditions and I would also like to thank the

Highway Department for the long hours and hard work during the winter months in order to keep our roads in the best possible condition.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth H. Snow
Selectmen, Highway Department Liaison

Report of the Veteran's Service Department

The Veteran's Service Department has had a busy year. Tuesday night office hours are utilized with applicant interviews, phone calls, request's for help in filling out IRS Tax Forms.

We are fortunate in not having a big case load, which means that less of the taxpayers' dollars are being used in this Department.

My secretary, as usual, is doing a fine job keeping up with phone calls to and from Boston, area hospitals, doctors, druggists and applicants.

The Veteran's Services Department asks for NO increases in salaries or budget for 1980.

We wish to thank the Board of Selectmen, area physicians, druggists, and the administrators of the Susan Bridgman Fund, for their cooperation in the past year.

Respectfully,

Earl F. Henrichon
Veteran's Agent

Plumbing Inspector's Report

From January 1 to June 30, 1978, the plumbing inspector, Edward Czupkiewicz, recorded 123 inspections.

Since my appointment on July 1, 1978, a total of one hundred fifty-seven (157) inspections have been made through December 31, 1978. Eighty (80) rough inspections and seventy-seven (77) finals make up this total. Also, for your interest, one hundred forty-five (145) of these were for new residential dwellings. Three (3) were non-residential premises and nine (9) were remodeling or added to existing services in residential dwellings.

Respectfully submitted,

John P. Brunelle
Plumbing Inspector



Finance Committee

Judith A. King, George B. Jackson-Chairman, Neil McCann, Phyllis Foster. Missing from photo: David Fredenburgh

School Committee Report

In September of 1978, we were able to occupy the addition to the High School which houses our Music Department. This is a good facility and much appreciated by the Music Department as well as the rest of the school staff. We are very appreciative of the work of the Building Committee, the Selectmen, and the Pathfinder students and supervisors in bringing this task to completion. Please take an opportunity to visit the school and have a tour of the addition.

It became evident in the spring of 1978 that we were finally starting to feel the impact of the Town building boom in increasing enrollment. Slightly more than two full classrooms of students had to be distributed in our already comfortably full schools in the fall. The School Committee and Selectmen have appointed two new committees to appraise our growth and future school requirements. The first of these groups is active in studying the need for and extent of an addition to Cold Spring School. They are going at this task in an ambitious, competent, and professional manner and we will be able to depend confidently on their conclusions. The second group will survey our overall needs for the next five to ten years and recommend a comprehensive plan to deal with future requirements.

The School Committee and High School Administration and Staff have been working this year to deal with the recommendations of the accreditation team that evaluated the High School in 1977. It seems that we will be able to deal with most of the recommendations without significant financial impact. Our Special Education program was also evaluated in late 1978. The Director of Special Education, the Administration, and Staff have done a fine job in this area and the general program is in good shape. Our major problem in this area is space. This will have to be one of the

strong considerations of the Cold Spring Building Committee as they reach their space requirement conclusions.

With the advice of our Maintenance Supervisor and the cooperation of the Finance Committee and Selectmen several energy conservation programs were planned and are in process of being carried out with some completed. These efforts will add to the comfort of the schools and save us dollars in years to come as energy rapidly becomes more expensive.

Respectfully submitted,

George A. Smith, Jr., Chairman
Belchertown School Committee



School Committee

Sharon L. Chapman, William M. Russell. Missing from photo: George A. Smith-Chairman, Dorothy A. Rhodes, Martha J. Barrett

Report of the Superintendent of Schools

To the Members of the School Committee and the Citizens of Belchertown:

During the year 1978 our schools experienced the greatest rate of growth within memory. The large amount of new housing units in the Town has resulted in much larger classes at the elementary level. The year 1978 saw over 100 additional students in grades K through 6. This growth when coupled with the demands of Chapter 766 (Education for those with Special Needs) has caused an acute space problem in the elementary schools. Two different committees have been established by joint meetings of the Selectmen and School Committee to find means of alleviating our problems now and in the future. The growth potential is enormous. The State Department of Education spent

three days in Town during December auditing our programs for children with special needs. The members of the audit team tell us our facilities for these children are deplorable and that we must take action to provide more suitable areas for teachers and children to work.

Meanwhile we have continued to meet our goals during the year. Our goals are not new but are of the ongoing variety and must be reinforced every year. The goals are as follows:

Goal I: To make effective use of the evaluation process in the improvement of instruction.

Goal II: To prepare revised and strengthened K-12 curriculum goals and associated budget proposals.

Goal III: To humanize the teaching environment.

Goal IV: To communicate more effectively with staff/students/parents.



Superintendent of Schools
John B. Curry, Jr.

Goal V: To work with teachers and parents in innovating instructional programs.

Goal VI: To make staff aware of the implications of Chapter 766.

Goal VII: To accelerate the professional growth of the administrators.

To show the citizens of the Town some of the methods used to meet our goals we shall report on the various subject areas and extra curricular activities starting with the four elementary schools.

CENTER, COLD SPRING, FRANKLIN, AND MEMORIAL

During the year 1978 the educational process of the elementary schools of Belchertown underwent several changes in a continuing effort to improve the elementary schools at all levels of instruction.

The emphasis is still on individualization of instruction whereby the focus of the educational process is on the individual child rather than on groups of children of the same age or grade level.

The philosophy of the Belchertown Elementary School System is a commitment to the development of the whole child according to each one's needs and unique learning styles. The process will focus itself on full respect for human worth and dignity.

The goals of the Belchertown Elementary Schools remain as in other years.

1. To accord dignity to the learner by respecting him as a person, by individualizing instruction in a manner which allows him to learn according to a style that fits his needs, abilities, and personal fulfillment.

2. To expand and advance the humane dimensions of all learners by the cultivation of spiritual, moral, and ethical values and attitudes.

3. To develop in each learner the basic skills needed for communication, perception, evaluation, and conceptualization of ideas. Among the most important are

reading, writing, speaking, listening, visual and computational skills.

4. To provide each learner with varied opportunities to nurture interests, to discover and to develop natural talents, and to express values and feelings through various media.

5. To foster individual commitment to exercise the rights and responsibilities of group membership and to respect the rights of others. To provide each learner with knowledge and experience which contributes to sensitivity and understanding of human similarities and differences.

6. To encourage personal responsibility for mental and physical well being through hygiene, exercise, nutrition, safety, and proper use of drugs.

7. To provide each learner with knowledge and understanding for intelligent use of his environment.

INDIVIDUALLY GUIDED EDUCATION

I.G.E. stands for Individually Guided Education, a program which was implemented at the Cold Spring School during the school year 1975. I.G.E. has two major goals:

1. Self-improvement
2. Individualization of instruction

Individually guided Education accepts non-graded schools, team teaching, multi-age grouping, differentiated staffing, and diagnostic-prescriptive teaching, not as innovations, but as the way schools ought to be organized.

I.G.E. is a comprehensive system designed to produce higher educational achievement by providing for differences among children in rate of learning, learning style, level of motivation, and other characteristics.

Cold Spring School is divided into three learning communities with each unit having responsibility for approximately 100-120 pupils. Each unit has 3 or 4 teachers and one unit leader. The multi unit organization at Cold Spring School is an instructional and administrative organization that enables educational decision making, open communication, and accountability to occur at appropriate levels. Within each unit of the school, the staff members plan, implement, and evaluate the instructional program of each child in that unit.

The Program Improvement Committee (P.I.C.) is the next step up in the multi unit school organization. It is composed of the principal and all the unit leaders; as such it is the link between the classroom and the administration. The P.I.C. works out the educational program for the whole building based on objectives defined in cooperation with unit staffs. P.I.C. members plan and coordinate their program with regard to school system policies. In-service activities also are planned and implemented by the P.I.C.

Specialists are brought in as needed to help the

P.I.C. set up the curriculum, obtain materials, and deal with problems that require specialized knowledge.

READING

- Developmental Reading
- Wisconsin Design
- Early Childhood Program
- Remedial Reading

The Holt, Rinehart and Winston Reading Program continues to provide all the children in grades K-6 with an excellent reading background.

This year we have initiated the Holt Testing Program. With this program the teacher is able to discover the strengths and weaknesses of each child and plan individual lessons to meet individual needs.

The Scott Foresman Open Highways Reading Program is also available to teachers for use within the classroom.

Both of these programs are supplemented by teacher made materials and games. These extra materials give the teachers the opportunity to plan individual reading programs for all children regardless of need and ability.

Along with the two basal readers used in the classroom, the children also participate in the Wisconsin Design for Word Attack and Comprehension.

This program provides the teacher with an individual profile of each child's word attack and comprehension skills. Through the effective use of this management tool the teacher is aware of each child's skills and needs and is able to efficiently plan individual programs within a large classroom system.

Our goal is to have every child reading to the best of their ability and reading for pleasure. This year we hope to institute a summer reading program. The reading committee has been working on a summer program as well as planning for the minimum competency tests that our children will be taking in the future.

As in the past we continue to evaluate all our programs, goals and objectives to meet the changing needs of our children.

The Early Childhood Committee has been extremely busy this year screening pre-school and kindergarten children. During the screening process, we check each child's vision, hearing, motor and developmental language skills. The goal of screening is to discover any problem that might interfere with the child's ability to learn and obtain success within the school situation.

The screening of incoming kindergarten children usually takes place in June, but a parent may request a screening of their child anytime during the school year.

One of the goals of the committee is to provide parents with information and resources to work with their children at home. We hope to offer courses in parent education in the near future.

The Remedial Reading Program services children

referred under Chapter 766. Children work in small groups or individually according to their special needs. There are approximately fifty children ranging from grades 1-6 in the program.

Each child has an individual diagnostic prescription written especially for them. This prescription includes specialized books, games and other materials to be used.

Co-ordination with the classroom teacher is constantly maintained. This is done so that when the child has met his or her individual goals he or she can easily adopt into the classroom reading situation. This is our ultimate goal for each child.

IMS

The I.M.S. (Individualized Mathematics System) is in its sixth year here. The major components of the program are the laminated skill folders that the children work on. The children work independently and in small groups on the specific skills they need to learn. The classroom teachers supplement the program with drill and practice two days a week. This year a course was given to parent volunteers on the I.M.S. program. Parent volunteers continue to provide valuable assistance to the teachers in correcting tests and worksheets and many other related tasks.

REMEDIAL MATH

The learning disabilities math program works with children having difficulty in math that are referred under Chapter 766. Children work in small groups with a variety of resource materials and math games.

By using concrete materials, concepts can be taught on a level the child is capable of understanding. The child has a much better chance of remembering what was learned. By working with younger elementary aged children, many severe learning problems have been minimized.

SPECIAL NEEDS PROGRAM

In this, our fourth year of implementing the 766 mandate, the following statistics are observed: as of December 1, 1978 we had 150 children who were in 766. We have had 54 evaluations for the last school year (1977-1978). We have 5 children who receive modification in the classroom; 127 who are taken out of the classroom for less than 25% of the time; 6 who are taken out from 25%-60% of the time; 8 who have substantially separate programs and attend classes run by the Hampshire Educational Collaborative programs outside of our school district; and one who has a residential placement.

An Optimum Interaction Learning Laboratory, funded by 94-142 monies for 1978-1979, is almost completed. This room, resembling the one constructed at the High School, is a teacher regulated laboratory designed to provide continuous interaction through

control of a variety of oral and visual presentation modes. It will provide 5 students with individual, but simultaneous, visual feedback devices. Each station will be equipped with binaural earphones, an overhead projector, behavior feedback lights and a response counter. All students can be serviced individually with a variety of stimuli including tape recordings, filmstrips, transparencies etc. We have high hopes as far as the effect of this facility on those of our children who are hyperactive, have attentional deficit, or are neurologically impaired. An open house is to be held as soon as the completion of the Optimum Interaction Learning Laboratory (OIL Lab) is effected, to which everyone is invited.

We have applied for funds from 94-142 grant in order to rectify some of the problem areas brought to our attention by our 766 audit. The area of greatest consequence, as far as non-compliance is concerned, is our lack of facilities. All other problems and non-compliance issues can be remediated with very little difficulty.

ELEMENTARY GUIDANCE

Developmental Guidance and Counseling is an integral part of each child's academic and social development in and outside of the school setting. This year, the Elementary Guidance Staff has continued to provide programs and services to involve teachers and parents in school guidance. These programs are: "Human Development Through Children's Literature"; "Sixth Grade Human Development Program", "Fifth Grade Career Awareness Program"; and "Systematic Training for Effective Parenting" (STEP). In addition, we encourage parents to call the Guidance Office, 323-4291, if they would like to meet with a counselor in the evening.

The 'Human Development Through Children's Literature Program' consists of weekly or bi-weekly 'Literature Discussion' groups which are held in the classroom and led by Mr. Wayne S. Frieden, (Title I) Elementary School Counselor. Using children's literature, filmstrips, and other guidance activities as stimuli for discussion, pupils in grades one through four explore topics relevant to their social/emotional development in and outside of the classroom setting. Pupils are given an opportunity to express their ideas and learn from each other. The following teachers and their students have participated in the program this year: Mrs. Hayward (grade one); Miss Joyal (grade 2-3); Miss White (grade 2-3); Miss Austin (grade 3-4); Mr. Beebe (grade 4); Mrs. Shattuck (grade 3-4); Miss Pietryka (grade 3-4); and Mr. Kucinski (grade 4).

This is the second year the Sixth Grade Human Development Program is being offered as part of the social studies curriculum at Memorial School. Mr. Frieden, in collaboration with Mrs. Kathy Oparowski

and Mr. Donald Moran, meets weekly with each social studies class. The objectives of the program are to develop effective discussion and communication skills, an awareness and understanding of self and others, decision-making skills, and career awareness, including understanding the relationship between the school, home and community.

Mr. Frieden and Mr. Herman Bowden, fifth grade teacher at Memorial School, are piloting a Career Awareness Program. The purpose is to raise children's awareness of the relevancy of education. Students discuss the following factors which contribute to making satisfying choices and decisions; needs and wants, goods and services, skills and capabilities, and work and leisure time.

STEP is a program to help parents deal more effectively with the ever increasing and changing demands of raising children today. Parents learn child-training principles and practices for raising responsible men and women, capable of living meaningful and happy adult lives. STEP is for couples, one parent, and single parents. This past fall, Mr. Frieden and Ms. Barbara Lucis co-led an evening STEP group. The next STEP group is scheduled to begin on February 21 and end on April 25, 1979. The group will meet on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. in the Ryther Room at the Congregational Church Parish Hall, here in Belchertown. Persons who are interested in attending should contact Mr. Gary Millett at 323-4291.

TITLE I - PROJECT ASSIST

Title I refers to an allotment of money that is granted to each town for use in providing services to children who need assistance beyond what their regular teacher can provide. Children are selected for participation based upon teacher recommendations each May and by achievement test scores in May and September. These children are not in need of specialized training for specific learning disabilities as are those children in Chapter 766 programs, but rather require remedial help in reading to reinforce objectives that are developed by the classroom teachers.

The Title I program is overseen by five parents of Title I children who are members of the Title I Parent Advisory Council. The staff include seven tutorial aides; a guidance counselor, Wayne Frieden; the program coordinator, Maureen Madden; and the project director, Gary Millett. Title I services are given at each school and cover grades one through eight. In April, the Parent Advisory Council will review the current Title I program and begin planning a program for next year.

SPEECH

The Speech Program continues to offer diagnostic evaluation and remediation services to all Belchertown

residents between three and twenty-one years of age. During the 1977-78 school year 63 children from pre-school to grade 9 received direct therapy in articulation, language, and auditory processing skills. The majority of these children receive therapy at least twice a week during the 64 sessions conducted. The increase in the number of sessions has been made possible by the addition of Mrs. Gayle Taylor to the staff as an instructional aide. This has allowed for additional reinforcement and practice as well as smaller groups. The Speech Program has also provided screening for all entering kindergarten children. The materials bank has been expanded to include some students in the program as well as teachers and parents of pre-schoolers. It is hoped that all students and their parents can be provided with take-home materials.

ELEMENTARY ART PROGRAM

The Belchertown Elementary Art Program provides the children with knowledge about the elements of design, art projects coordinated with the classroom curriculum, experience with a variety of art materials, and exposure to art work done by famous artists.

During the year the children have been involved in preparing for special public performances such as the Western Rodeo in May, and Christmas programs during December.

The sixth grade classes have been making sketches of scenes in town, some of which were on exhibit at the Elementary Christmas Concert at the Belchertown High School in December, 1978. During the first few months of 1979 a special public exhibit of these sketches will be held at the Clapp Memorial Library.

In the near future, the Art Program and Reading Specialist plan on organizing an Arts in Reading program designed for children to develop comprehension skills, strengthen vocabulary and experience the inter-relationship of reading skills and the cultural arts.

ELEMENTARY MUSIC PROGRAM

The elementary classroom music program and performing groups are continually growing.

The main purchases made during the 1978 year were additional music texts to accommodate 30 children per classroom and 3 wooden xylophones (Orff instruments) for classroom use in levels 1-6.

Special events and programs included Mulberry Street's Christmas show, "The Toy Tree", presented on December 18, 1978 at Cold Spring School. Teachers, children in grades K and 1, and specialists worked on this interrelated arts program. Also in December the Memorial School students and teachers attended a Springfield Symphony Concert as a part of their music curriculum.

The musical performing groups maintained busy schedules. The Rhythm Band at Cold Spring School par-



**Superintendent of Schools Secretary
Dorothy Reece**

ticipated in an integrated arts "Rodeo" in May, 1978. The Elementary Chorus of 65 fifth and sixth grade students presented an annual spring concert in conjunction with the Elementary Band in June, 1978. In December, they performed for the Belchertown State School students and repeated the performance at a very successful supper-concert at the Jr. Sr. High School. This endeavor was greatly aided by the establishment of a parent group to support Elementary Band and Chorus.

The Chorus hopes to present a musical in May, 1979, entitled "The Electric Sunshine Man", the life of Thomas Edison. With the addition and help of the parent interest group, we hope that quality of performances can improve and that more musical enrichment opportunities can be provided for all children.

ELEMENTARY INSTRUMENTAL PROGRAM

With the sixth graders performing in their final elementary concert, the spring term was drawn to a conclusion with the annual Elementary Spring Concert on June 13th. This production featured the Senior Elementary Band, the newly formed Junior Elementary Band, Brass Quartet, and the Elementary Chorus.

A more thorough recruitment program was held during the fall and proved to be very successful. Meetings and demonstrations with parents, as well as students, (in both individual and group settings) were extremely advantageous to all involved. Forty students in grades 4,5, and 6 joined the instrumental program this year.

There has been a continuation of the two band system with 46 members in the Jr. Elementary Band

and an increase to 30 members in the Sr. Elementary Band. Expansion of the program this fall included the additions of a Brass Quintet and Percussion Ensemble.

The formation of the 'Chorus and Band Aids' a parent support group, made it possible to have a Christmas Concert in the High School Music Assembly room preceded by a catered supper and followed by a dessert social. With their continued support, a raffle and other fund-raising activities will be taking place, with the final objectives being additional equipment and materials for the music program, as well as to increase the students' contacts with cultural activities in the area.

The elementary band and chorus had the privilege of performing an additional Christmas Concert this year at the Belchertown State School for the benefit of the residents.

A definite improvement in the program was the initiation of morning band rehearsals in the new 'music shed' at the Jr. Sr. High School. The physical as well as psychological benefits have been great.

Future plans will find three talented elementary students participating in the 'Advanced Placement' program, whereby certain students are chosen to rehearse and perform with the Belchertown High School Band. It is hoped that this will challenge their already high musical abilities, facilitate the transition from elementary school to the Jr. Sr. High School, and to augment their appreciation and enjoyment of music.

Also scheduled is a Spring Concert with the chorus, a possible exchange concert, and the addition of a stage band to the already existing variety of elementary instrumental ensembles.

ELEMENTARY PHYSICAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

The elementary physical education program emphasizes basic motor skills, rhythms and dance, team games, and team sports. Sportsmanship, cooperation and a sense of fair play are developed through the various individual and team sports.

The physical education, art and music departments presented a spring program around a western theme last Spring. Children from the 3rd and 4th grades at Cold Spring performed Western Square dances, jump rope routines and a parachute activity to music.

Franklin school started their field day with a flag ceremony and songs before they began their various races, relays and games. Center school's field day theme was mini-olympic events, relays and games. The 5th Avenue unit at Cold Spring also had their field day in June with similar activities and a pie eating contest. A water race and obstacle course was the highlight of a combined field day for Mulberry and Juniper Streets. Parsons Field was again the location for the 5th and 6th grade field days. Obstacle course, the 100 yard dash, relays, softball throw were enjoyed by all. In-

dividual and class prizes were awarded for all events.

This fall an after school activity program was developed for all 4th grades. The program takes place once a week at Cold Spring School. Activities began with jogging, rhythmic jump roping and continue with basketball skills through the winter. In the spring activities will include more jogging and track and field activities.

Mulberry Street presented a Christmas program "A Toy Tree" with creative dance activities in cooperation with the unit, art, music and physical education department.

Purchases were made for replacement equipment and also records for dance and other rhythmic activities. Four tetherball standards and balls were purchased for the playgrounds.

SCHOOL VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

The volunteer program placed 148 volunteers during the 1977-78 school year and at this writing has 120 registered for the present year.

The program this year consists of 9 specific areas of service:

1. Classroom Volunteers
2. Substitute Volunteers and Room Chaperones
3. Library Volunteers
4. Community Resource Volunteers (Enrichment)
5. "At Home" Volunteers
6. Parent Advisory Council
7. Optimum Interaction Learning Laboratory Volunteers (O.I.L.)
8. Babysitting (at home for volunteer's children)
9. Miscellaneous Volunteers

Taking into account the fact that there are unrecorded volunteer hours given throughout the year, the total "signed-in" hours for last year were 4,473 from October through June 9, 1978. To this date 1,498 hours have been recorded for the 1978-79 school year.

Volunteers are giving anywhere from 1 hour to 13 hours a week during the present school year.

The number of children served so far this year is 841, which encompasses students from 4 elementary schools and the Special Education Department of the Junior-Senior High School.

The areas from which we receive volunteers are:

1. Parents or other relatives of students
2. Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School
3. Belchertown Junior-Senior High School
4. Community Volunteers, including "Golden Agers"
5. University of Massachusetts

As a means to better involve the Community within our schools the Volunteer Office compiles each year a Community Resource list which is sent to all teachers within the Elementary and Jr. Sr. High Schools.

As one of the major goals for this year, the Volunteer

Office is planning a "Back to School Days" program for Senior Citizens during the early spring.

PRE-KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM

The pre-kindergarten is in its third year. The 1978-79 class has twelve children selected by the kindergarten screening process. The needed extra year is spent developing skills in perception, motor, language and social areas. Although the scope of the program includes many of the kindergarten objectives, the pace is slower with an emphasis on early readiness skills. The class that completed in June, 1978 showed growth in all skill areas and are successfully learning in kindergarten.

SCIENCE

In innovative science program, the Science Curriculum Improvement Study (S.C.I.S.) began another year of successful operation. The program is laboratory-oriented and employs scientific inquiry. S.C.I.S. is one of only two elementary school science programs to be given the rating of excellent by the Massachusetts Association of Science Supervisors.

SOCIAL STUDIES

Modern, relevant and innovative social studies programs are being carried on at all levels with "Family of Man" - A University of Minnesota Social Studies Project in grades 1-4' "Man-A Course of Study" taught in grade five and "People and Technology" taught in grade six.

INTRAMURAL SPORTS AT MEMORIAL

The intramural sports program was very successful during 1978. The program provides instruction and competition for all boys and girls in grades five and six who wish to participate. Included among the sports are basketball, softball, soccer, touch football and kickball.



School Bookkeeper
Lois Lowe

INTERNS

Belchertown teachers have demonstrated their interest in the future of their profession by continuing to train student teachers from the University of Massachusetts and Westfield State College. Student interns did their student teaching at Cold Spring and Memorial Schools during the Fall of 1978.

STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL AT MEMORIAL

A Student Advisory Council began its fifth year of operation. The eight member committee was elected by their fellow classmates at Memorial School. The purpose of the council is to make recommendations to their advisor for improving the welfare of the pupils.

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

A Parent Advisory Council was established by the principal five years ago to meet regularly with him to provide two-way communication between the school administration and parents.

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

During American Education Week in November Parent-Teacher Conferences were scheduled in grades K-6. The conferences were a success with over 94% of the parents in attendance.

ASSEMBLY PROGRAMS

The school children of Belchertown presented several enjoyable assembly programs during 1978. Among the several programs were: a Memorial Day observance at Memorial School, Elementary School Band and Chorus Christmas Program, Science Fair at Memorial School in April, a music and dance rodeo at Cold Spring School in May, Read-A-Thon Awards Assembly in June and a kindergarten and first grade Christmas Program at Cold Spring School.

EDUCATIONAL FIELD TRIPS

Educational field trips were continued during 1978 for all grades. In May of 1978 the sixth grade class attended Camp Sargent in Peterborough, New Hampshire for one week. Some of the other field trips taken were to a local dentist's office, to a local doctor's office, Snow's Farm, Skinner's Apple Orchard by the kindergarten classes, to Granby Dinosaur Museum in Granby and to Fox Theater to see Hansel and Gretel by grade one, to Old Deerfield by grades 1 and 2, to Shattuck's Sugar House by grades 3 and 4, to New England Aquarium in Boston by grade 4, to Museum of Science in Boston by grade 5 and to the Mystic Seaport in Connecticut by grade 6.

The schools earnestly hope that an increasing number of parents will participate in school activities during the coming year. When the parents show an interest in the school activities it usually reflects in the

children's experience for parents, children and teachers.

BELCHERTOWN JR. SR. HIGH SCHOOLS

The following activities took place at the Jr. Sr. High School in 1978:

BUSINESS DEPARTMENT

The Business Department curriculum in the Jr. Sr. High School is designed to provide all students with a general background in basic business, occupational education for those students planning to seek employment, and education oriented toward personal growth. Secretarial, accounting, and basic business subjects are offered to prepare students for entrance into business careers and for advancement to higher levels within their careers. The courses in the curriculum continue to place an emphasis in assisting students toward logical and independent thinking, effective communication, sound decision making, and an awareness of the value of human relations.

One teaching approach in business education that has proven to be very effective is office simulation. Simulation gives a senior business student, who has already developed business skills to the point where they can be applied, the opportunity to use the skills in a simulated operation of a typical business. Through a model office situation, a number of behaviors can be assessed objectively. The teacher can evaluate interpersonal relations of students such as: (1) how individual students relate to others in the model office situation (cooperativeness, friendliness, tactfulness); (2) the types of verbal interaction that occur among students (praise, criticism, process feedback); and (3) the students who interact with other students frequently.

Through office simulation students can see how their performance on the job contributes to the total success of the office, their attitude toward accuracy improves, class attendance increases, and the need for remedial skill-building activities is more easily accepted. Once the students become involved, they strive for self-improvement, not merely to satisfy academic criteria, but to meet the demands of their peers and to make the office operation a success. Lester Hill Office Simulation and Sun-N-Ski Accounting Simulation were the two major simulations offered to the students this year.

Another teaching approach is the utilization of the three basic types of group individual learning activities that occur in business education—application of skill, problem solving, and creative work.

Application of skill. Students demonstrate an understanding of knowledge acquired in a subject through controlled practice. For example, shorthand students apply their knowledge of this new language by taking dictation and transcribing by typing from their

notes. The teacher controls the practice—length of time, amount, and guidance—until students demonstrate readiness to progress to the next stage of learning.

Problem solving. Students integrate, synthesize, and apply previous knowledge and skill in arriving at a solution to a problem. Problem solving in business education involves production work.

Creative. Students use their initiative in finding original ways to apply a skill and or solve a problem. Students are expected to develop workable steps of procedure to finalize the idea. Generally, students are involved in only one type of learning activity during a given class period.

The business instructors have attended workshops, conferences, and seminars. Through these activities, they have become aware of the latest developments in office procedures, equipment, and training and predictions for future developments or employment.

Meaningful educational field trips for students have been planned where students can see new equipment, furniture, office procedure, and talk to the people using resources of business. Programs, projects, and informal conversations which are planned in conjunction with a visit to a business firm add a new dimension to instruction and an increased credibility to material studied.

SOCIAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT

In 1978 the Social Studies Department continued its program of helping students develop the many skills necessary for full participation in society as a well informed citizen. One of the main objectives which needs to be met for a student to reach this goal is an ability to gather and process information efficiently and accurately.



**High School Principal
James Rokas
Assistant High School Principal
Allen Eastman
Junior High Counselor
Gerald Guiel**

Some of the activities the department sponsored to help students reach this objective were a successful ecology fair in the spring and a colonial fair in November. An added bonus this year was the television coverage given the colonial fair on a local t.v. station. In 1978 Belchertown participated for the first time in the Model Congress sponsored by American International College in Springfield. Six high school students participated for three days in this simulation of the legislative process. By all accounts this program was most successful and will be continued.

Brenda Chadbourne was the school's representative at Students Government Day at the State House in Boston. The Voice of Democracy contest was won by Jane Wyman who also went on to win the regional competition.

A summer workshop was held for two weeks to restructure the ninth grade program which is now called A Global Society. This is a history of the world's various cultures with emphasis on the role tradition plays in present day life. This course is now taught to all ninth grade students.

MATHEMATICS

The mathematics curriculum of the Belchertown Jr. Sr. High School provides all students with the opportunity to experience successful accomplishment in the area of mathematics which is best suited to their needs. Subject matter content reflects the current popular emphasis on acquiring basic skills. The traditional sequence of courses advances to a pre-calculus course offered at the twelfth grade level. Supplementary courses provide a broad high school introduction to calculus.

A summer workshop in mathematics was held in late June and early July. Participants were Mr. Moran, Mr. Kirk, and Mr. Hmieski. The primary objectives of the workshop were 1.) the preparation of a curriculum guide for the metric system for use in grades five through eight; 2.) the communication of all available information pertaining to the entering seventh grade class; and 3.) a discussion of the Holt mathematics textbook series which is now being adopted throughout the local school system.

The Holt textbook series was introduced at the high school in 1975. The textbooks are very readable from the students' point of view and each lesson has a clearly stated objective. It has been found that students make much more use of the explanations in these books than in books used previously.

In November, Mr. Hmieski attended a public hearing on the proposed regulations on Basic Skills Improvement prepared by the Massachusetts Department of Education. Many school officials expressed serious concern regarding the effectiveness of the proposed testing program at this hearing.

SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

The science department continues to emphasize hands on laboratory oriented classes. Whenever possible discussion classes are supplemented with practical demonstrations to enable the students to see for themselves practical applications of the topic being studied.

Department goals with indicators defined to evaluate these goals, along with the department's philosophy have been reviewed and updated for the current school year. All curriculum guides are being reviewed to establish a consistent, unified, but flexible program for grades 7-12.

Once again field trips allowed our students to investigate the realm of science that surrounds them as well as varied career and job opportunities that will be available to them in the future. A trip to Montgomery Rose Company in Hadley and to the Hadley Garden Center provided biology students and the home gardening class with first hand knowledge of the commercial applications and importance of plant study. The eighth grade students in conjunction with their unit on oceanography once again visited the Aquarium in Boston.

This year Mr. Gola and Mr. Brady spent a day at 4H-Camp Farley at Cape Cod collecting specimens used to set up a salt water aquarium for the school. The aquarium has been visited by several elementary classes and will be especially useful for the unit on oceanography.

Our elective program in practical sciences has proven to be very popular with the upperclassmen with many Juniors and Seniors electing more than one course at a time. A very popular elective has once again been the home gardening course. To better organize and display a variety of plants for the course, a plant center has been purchased and set up for student use.

The electrical system in the junior high science rooms has been updated with the addition of pulley operated track outlets from the ceiling to allow for greater convenience and safety during laboratory activities.

The department is presently researching the possibilities of implementing a CPR unit for junior high students; a Life Support unit for upperclassmen, and a college prep program in Earth Science for the near future.

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

The English Department in 1977 continued to rewrite its individual grade curriculum. The individualized approach in curriculum meets the needs of all the students at Belchertown Jr. Sr. High School. The return to the Junior English Curriculum last year was suc-

cessful and as a result the S.A.T. Verbal scores were the highest grades recorded in a number of years.

There has been a change in the Departmental Comprehensive Testing program for grade 8 and 10 this year. The members of the Department wrote the test based upon our curriculum and its goals which was more realistic than buying from a commercial testing service.

The Senior English Electives will be continued this year with the addition of Review English 4, Contemporary Fiction and Critical Writing.

Educational field trips are encouraged and classes have attended plays at Stage West in West Springfield. One of the most popular plays enjoyed by all was Agatha Christie's "The Mousetrap". The Shakespeare Class attended "Macbeth" at a Boston theatre.

ART DEPARTMENT

The Junior High Art program attempts to explore as many different techniques as possible with projects in many mediums as well as two and three dimensions. The program provides the student with the means to have a successful art experience even when ability is moderate. The Senior High Art courses include an extensive introductory course, which emphasizes basic skills in many areas, as well as more intense course work in Drawing and Ceramics. With renewed interest in the more practical arts, a course in Graphic Arts will be offered in the near future.

This year student work has been submitted to the Regional Scholastic Art Award Competition sponsored by The Boston Globe with the hope of a much larger representation from Belchertown next year. An exhibit of student work in several areas is being arranged for late Spring, 1979. The show will be a cooperative inter-departmental effort.

ATHLETICS DEPARTMENT

Belchertown Jr. Sr. High School successfully completed another very active and ever increasing Athletic schedule. The popularity of girl's sports and the increasing demand for additional girls teams in softball and basketball are posing problems that will have to be solved. At present, five basketball teams are vying for equal practice time at the high school gym with a 6th team, junior high girls, demanding representation.

The construction of an additional softball diamond in town will help to alleviate some of the softball problems. The soccer field at the high school, the only soccer field in town, is over worked in the fall with two teams using it. This prevents the formation of a junior high team where the interest is strong and the need is great. The same problems hold true with girls field hockey. While competing in the Bi-County League in all sports, Belchertown Jr. Sr. High had the honor of having seven of its student athletes selected as All League.

They were: Mark O'Donnell, soccer; Martha Clark, Anne Marie Henry, Kevin Foster, field hockey; and Laura Adzima, Bob Michalski, David Holmes, basketball.

The athletic season concluded with the Annual Sports Banquet at Conti's 202. The following students received trophies as Most Valuable Player in their respective sports: Mark O'Donnell, soccer; Kevin Foster, field hockey; Laura Adzima and Bob Michalski, basketball; Mike Lacombe, baseball; and Anne Marie Henry, softball. The Athletic Council Trophies were awarded to Steve Mellin and Laura Adzima.

The athletic department would like to thank all those who supported high school athletics and helped to make this season a success.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

The Physical Education Department attempted to fill the needs of the student body through a program of team and individual sports, physical fitness and co-ed activities. Some of the more popular activities included golf, archery, floor hockey and basketball.

READING

Reading is offered to students in the seventh and eighth grade. The purpose of the program is to insure that students have the basic skills necessary to read and comprehend the textbooks they encounter as well as give a firm background and appreciation for good literature.

The Stanford Diagnostic Test will be given at the end of the school year to evaluate the student and program progress. The results of the tests will determine the direction of the program for the following year.

LANGUAGE ARTS

Language Arts is a newly devised segment of the reading program. This course is for a limited number of students who have shown a need for a heavy emphasis on basic reading skills. It is remedial in nature and serves as the students English course. The basic skills in reading are reviewed along with study of the mechanics of the English language.

TITLE I

As in the past, a title I tutor has been made available to assist selected pupils in the seventh and eighth grade. These students are helped individually or in small groups during their study periods.

REMEDIAL READING

Remedial Reading is available for the students in grades 9-12 who is not benefiting from the academic program due to insufficient basic skills in reading. The goal of the program is to improve these skills by giving instructions in small groups or to individuals.

HOME ECONOMICS DEPARTMENT

All junior high students were enrolled in Home Economics. Topics studied varied with the interests of each group in mind. These topics included family relationships, babysitting, crafts, holiday decorations, sewing, nutrition and food preparation. All courses stressed basic skills.

The department continued to offer a full year introductory course for ninth and tenth grade students and semester electives for upperclassmen. A senior foods class prepared and served a luncheon to the Secondary School Evaluation Team during their visit in November. Student enthusiasm generated by the success of this project led to an advanced meal planning course in the Spring. The family living course, the department's most popular elective, was again team taught by Mrs. Andrews and Mr. Hansbury. It was followed spring semester by a child development class. Field trips to the U. Mass. Nursery School helped students' understanding of young children.

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

The Belchertown Jazz Ensemble won first place in the National Association of Jazz Educators State "COMBO" Championship at Cohasset, Mass. on March 3rd of this year. In order to qualify, the group was required to take first place in the District competition held earlier this year. In addition, four members of the group received special citations for outstanding musicianship during the trials.

The Music Department provided students with a

wide range of quality instruction and performance opportunities. Our school was represented with four seats in the Western Mass. District Festival Competition, two with Jazz/Rock ensemble, two with Band, one with All-New England Band, Mass. Youth Wind Ensemble and one with Springfield Youth Symphony Orchestra.

The Jr. Sr. High School Band marched in Veteran's Day, Halloween Rag Shag and Memorial Day parades and continues to serve the community with Annual Christmas Concert, Spring Concert and various other musical activities such as Church Concerts and Jazz Ensemble performances.

Although the Band did not go on tour this year, it has saved its energy and means for the 1979 school year when several events are on schedule.

The department was represented at the Fort Devens Third Annual Music Festival where it received two Commander's Certificates for outstanding performance in April.

For those students who express a special interest in music there are courses in theory, harmony, composition, ear training, solfeggio and electronic music. These areas of study provide a continuation of the general music program offered to the eighth grade and prepares students for college entry.

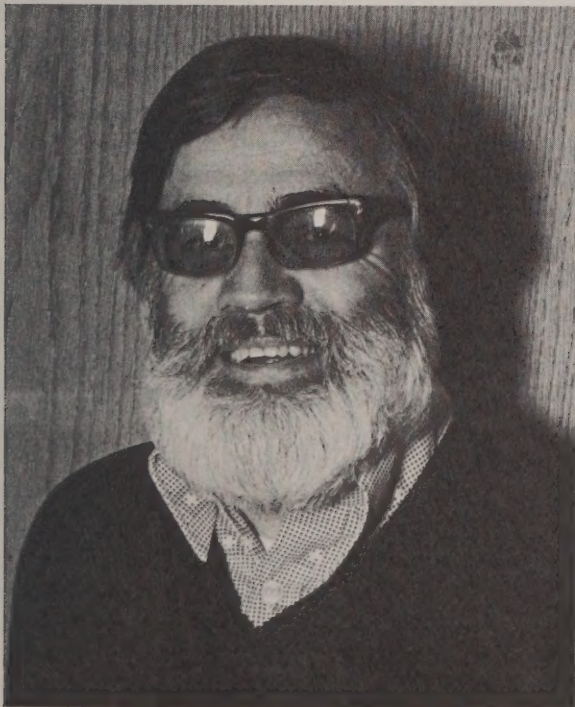
Our school music program is designed to help the individual develop a sensitivity to the beautiful values of music and to initiate and broaden an understanding of music through group participation. Our primary objective is one of aesthetic education and the development of aural intelligence with resultant community entertainment.

CHORUS

The chorus started its 1978-79 year under the direction of Mrs. Sandra Riggs. Regular membership consists of forty students who gave their first performance at the annual Christmas Concert. Included in this group is a quartet who performed at the Belchertown Christmas Festival held at the Congregational Church. Future plans call for enlargement and further concentration on choral literature. It is hoped that this group can be developed to travel in concert to other schools, festivals, etc.

CONSUMER EDUCATION

Consumer Education is a required course for all students. The course is offered primarily to Juniors with a few Seniors participating. The course was designed to give students a better idea of what it means to be a consumer in our modern society. Course Curriculum is divided into three areas: (a) Job Application, Personal Finances, including Insurance, Taxes, Budgeting, Recordkeeping. (b) Functions, Purchasing and Maintenance of home appliances, electrical,



School Maintenance
William Kimball

plumbing, heating systems and purchase of food and clothing. (c) Fiscal and Legal concerns of the consumer including contracts, rights, and responsibilities, housing, payroll deductions, credit and financing and insuring a motor vehicle. This course is taught by Mrs. Kubacki, Mr. Giroux, and Mr. White.

CAREER AWARENESS

This course is offered through the Guidance Department by Mr. White. Career building, job seeking, job holding, and progression in employment assume important significance as matters of immediate interest to students. A large segment of this course is devoted to an exploration of the various occupational opportunities that should be considered in planning their educational goals. Since work comprises a large part of our lives, the exploring of suitable jobs with opportunity for use of interests, abilities, and talents as well as for worthwhile payment and satisfaction deserves considerable time and thought by our students.

To implement this program, a Times Series of Filmstrips and a series of Filmstrips entitled "Goofy Goes to Work" are used along with a Basic Skills Workbook.

STUDENT EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

This club was formerly known as the Future Teachers of America. SEA is open to any high school student interested in careers in education, college opportunities, or community and school projects. The club's purpose is to acquaint the student with all aspects of teaching and other related areas. The members tutor elementary and junior high students.

As a fund raising activity, each month the SEA Club sponsors a bake sale. From the money earned, they were able to present five scholarships at the June 1978 graduation to Charles Beaver, Aileen Brown, Susan Russell, Dorothy Joseph, and Mary Henrichon. The decision of the membership was that these scholarships be awarded to qualifying seniors entering any field.

Interested students will be working with the Adult Right to Read program which is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare. Any adult who wants to enter the program may contact the nearest Satellite Center.

HUMANITIES CLUB

"Let's Try it Again" was the motto for this year's Humanities Club projects and activities.

For the majority of the school year the club relentlessly tried again to acquaint the community of the plight of the wild mustangs, whales and dolphins through newspaper articles and poster campaigns.

Citizen concern brought great success to the club's "Food Basket" drive during November. Fifteen families in Belchertown enjoyed a little more abundant

Thanksgiving due to the generosity of our towns people and high school students. The same success must be said of the club's "Toys for Joy" Christmas program which delighted 25 children and their families, due in great part, because of a surprise visit from Santa with presents for all.

Yet, the majority of the club's time was spent working on environmental projects. Packaged slide programs, the distribution of ecology ideas and magazines were major concerns for the year.

The club, in cooperation with the Belchertown Garden Club, painted and decorated with ecology motifs, five barrels to be placed around the town's common. As a result of the members' efforts once again the club was awarded President Carter's Environmental Award of Excellence, as well as receiving a letter of praise and congratulations from the Hitchcock Center for Environmental Studies.

In keeping with its yearly motto "Let's Try it Again", our annual ecology week was one of the finest environmental projects the club sponsored so far. Projects spanned topics such as "How to Ecologize Your Home" to "You Can Make Solar Panels Too".

The year ended with a farewell party for Miss Mary Alice Austin, a 6 year member of the club, president and driving force behind its social awareness campaigns.

CAMERA CLUB

The camera club of Belchertown Jr. Sr. High School is open to all students, 7th grade to 12th grade, who show an interest in visual communication.

The club's main purpose is to offer individualized instruction in creative photography so they can work at their own pace and skills. The club offers student workshops in the use of 35 mm cameras, developing skills and printmaking, to mention a few.

The students have developed individualized learning kits, a photography library and calendar of competition.

The works of students will be on display to school and community at the high school during the month of June.

SCHOOL NEWSPAPER

The 1977-78 school year ended with success with the publication and distribution of "The Late Edition", which the staff believed to be even better than the first. The staff, which was small, was pleased in that their goals and objectives for the year were achieved: a good newspaper was published and the school newspaper at Belchertown High School was completely revitalized and much in existence.

A very small diligent staff from last year set forth to again produce a school newspaper. After many hours of re-organization and re-evaluation, the staff set forth

our newspaper, complete with a new logo; "Omnibus and Flying Circus Company of Belchertown High School." The paper was welcomed favorably by its readers and critics. Much credit and recognition should be given to the editor-in-chief, Lynn Laurin, for the great job she did on our first issue.

After the paper was published and distributed, came the opportunity of having the newspaper staff meet once a week as an activity. This allowed the staff time where workshops on photography in journalism, investigative reporting, how to write an editorial, what is a good news story, and how to write it, etc, are taught.

In the spring of 1979, the staff hopes to participate in the Scholastic Press Forum, an annual high school journalism conference. The school shall submit editions of the school newspapers to be evaluated and critiqued at the judging that will take place. Win or lose, it will give the staff an excellent learning experience and a new look at what we put to press.

THE STUDENT COUNCIL

The Student Council has sponsored an active assembly program for the school during 1978. It included such topics as the arts and dancing, skate-boarding, and magic. Once again the Council sponsored a trip to the Big E for the entire student body. The scholarship awarded by the Council at graduation was given to Barbara Russell. The Council continued to sponsor student-faculty coffee hours to exchange ideas in areas of common concern. In addition, there was a Christmas gift swap involving Council members and faculty. This fall I.D. cards were sold to students and an aluminum recycling contest between classes was held. The annual Fair Day parking venture was most successful.

INDUSTRIAL ARTS PROGRAM

The Industrial Arts program at Belchertown Jr. Sr. High School has been enjoying the co-educational experiences at both the Junior High and Senior High

levels. The general acceptance by both girls and boys in an integrated situation has developed into a more competitive situation and one of a positive nature.

Due to the large class sizes in grades 7-8, the students have been divided into sections lasting six to eight weeks each, which is a minimal amount of time in this area to encompass the amount of learning experience available.

Grade Seven is introduced to the basic shop safety procedures and the mechanical use of hand tools used in woodworking. The eighth graders, on a mini-scale of time are exposed to an experience in home building. This program has been accepted with enthusiasm in most cases.

The Senior High program has seen an increase in course offerings: Skills in Plastics, Wood-working, Furniture, Silk Screening, Metal working, Sign-making, and on a limited basis, Welding.

Related areas to this program which are offered include General Math, Mechanical Drawing, and Technical Drawing. All offerings are being directed towards the occupational needs of today's graduates.

FOREIGN LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT

The Foreign Language Department at Belchertown Junior-Senior High offers both Modern and Classical languages: French, Spanish and Latin. These courses were open to all high school students as full-sequence programs, should they wish to continue study to the fourth level. As part of the school's exploratory offerings in the junior high, all seventh and eighth graders participated in French for six weeks. In addition one class of junior high students were involved in a Latin Roots course which met twice a week throughout the year. In the future, the department hopes to offer a more comprehensive program for junior high students in French, Spanish and Latin.

As part of their curriculum, students studying modern languages attended area cultural attractions which correlated with their studies, such as the Boston Repertory Company's production of *Le Petit Prince*. Latin students are members of the Junior Classical League at the local, state and national levels. They attended Classics Day at the University of Massachusetts and the State J.C.L. Convention held at Ludlow High School in 1978. The students, with the assistance of Industrial Department teachers and students, built an authentic Roman Chariot which they raced and took fifth place in the state. In the Olympic events, the following B.H.S. students won First Place: Chris Hubbard - Long Jump; Mike Davis and Deneed Renaud - Three-Legged Race; Mike Davis and Kim Welch - Egg Toss. In the Fall of '78 the J.C.L. ers attended the state Catapult Contest at Waltham and plan to construct a school catapult for competition in the 1979 contest.

In cooperation with the International Fellowship



Organization, the department hosted an Exchange-Student from Caracas, Venezuela. Carmen Esposito studied the year and graduated with the Class of 1978 in June. Foreign Study Tours and Field Trips are also anticipated for B.H.S. in the 1979 academic year. In the future an Exchange-Program involving European study and touring is anticipated for a minimum of ten students in a family residence arrangement in cooperation with the Center for International Education.

In the Spring, the Third Annual International Fair was held in the high school gymnasium. All students studying a foreign language prepared ethnic and research projects they presented pertinent to the French, Spanish and Roman or Greek cultures.

LIBRARY SERVICES

The Belchertown Jr. Sr. High School Library has special functions that distinguish it from other libraries and educational experiences. It is a place for quiet learning and enjoyment, where students and teachers can become expert in using materials. Our school library works hand in hand with the classroom teacher and complements other area libraries. The relationship is symbiotic, a mutually beneficial living together of dissimilar organisms. The Juniors and Seniors are encouraged to utilize local college library collections. The librarian has obtained borrowers privileges for these interested students at the University of Massachusetts Library.

An extensive grant proposal for Federal Title II monies was written. These funds were awarded to Belchertown, and reference materials purchased. The library skills program was expanded to further develop students' research abilities. Via this vehicle, students are motivated to investigate topics beyond the confines of the textbook and to critically evaluate and select valuable and useful information sources.

Our library services supply the needs of the individual as they relate to the traditional limits of the curriculum, but in addition we strive to develop the individual beyond the confines of classroom instruction. Students need to develop interests in school which carry over into their daily lives away from school. To this end, the librarian sponsored several cultural experiences, most notably trips to Harvard University, and to the Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York City.

A reading program for the Junior High was initiated. It is based on the Reading Enrichment Paperback Book Program, which was developed by two Princeton University Educators, Dr. Daniel M. Fader, and Dr. Elton B. McNeil. Their research shows that motivation to read sharply rises when students are surrounded by a variety of high interest paperbacks. With the addition of this program, we are strengthening essential reading skills.

A place to learn to think, to use materials, and ab-

sorb and synthesize contents, that is what the Junior Senior High School Library strives to offer students.

AUDIO VISUAL SERVICES

Communication technology offers many choices for receiving, using, recording, and transmitting information. Full utilization of educational media, TV, movies, transparencies, filmstrips, slides, cassettes, records, etc., makes it possible to provide alternative patterns and relationships for the instructional program. Curriculum design and media utilization by the classroom teacher are inextricably interwoven. To the learner, media help to identify the problem and supply information and method to solve it. Purposeful integration of curriculum and media is ongoing at the Junior Senior High School, and involves students, teachers, and the Librarian/Media Specialist. This process results in more effective implementation of the educational program.

Our Audio Visual Services provide teachers with movies, video tapes, equipment, and Television production skills. We hold membership in the following film libraries:

The Krasker Memorial Film Library, Boston University

Forbes Library, Northampton, Mass.

Hampshire College Film Collection, Amherst

Indiana University

The Extension Media Center, The University of California, Berkeley

The Library is also a charter member of the Massachusetts Association for Educational Media. The Librarian serves on the Planning Committee of that organization, as well as the Audio Visual Services Committee at Pathfinder Vocational School, Palmer. Through the Communications Arts Activity Program, students are introduced to television production, stereo equipment, maintenance, and repair of school equipment, in short the realm of media. The Audio Visual Services at the Junior Senior High School seek to provide prompt and efficient access to our resources, thereby offering a primary means for teaching, learning, and interest fulfillment.

HONOR ACTIVITIES

The 11th annual induction of members into the Aristos Chapter of the National Honor Society was held on Wednesday, January 11, 1978. Twelve new members were inducted into the Society. The principal address was given by Mr. James C. Rokas, principal of the high school.

Mr. Stephen Mellin was citizen of the year for Belchertown Jr. Sr. High School.

Miss Mary-Alice Austin was chosen to represent the the Belchertown Jr. Sr. High School as the DAR good citizen for the year 1978.

GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT .

September, 1977 saw a new school year begin and the Seniors began the hustle and bustle that all Seniors go through each year. All students and classes settled down in a very short time.

Seniors planning to continue their education began the task of choosing schools and communicating with their selections, taking College Board exams as well as participating in the usual affairs of the class. The Annual Senior Reception was held the last day of school before the Christmas vacation. Approximately 30 past graduates attended. In January, the Annual College Forum was held with good attendance.

In April many of the college bound Juniors attended the College Fair at the Springfield Civic Center.

June marked the end of another year of school and the beginning of a new career adventure for the graduating seniors.

Senior Class Statistics:

- 39% went on to higher education
- 50% went on to full-time employment
- 3 % went into the Armed Forces
- 8 % were undecided at graduation

GRADUATES OF THE CLASS OF 1978

Valedictorian—Mary-Alice Rita Austin

Co-Salutatorians—Barbara Ann Russell

Thomas Todd Stockton

James Edward Antonovitch

Mary-Alice Rita Austin

Tina Marie Barnes

David E. Barrett

Douglas James Beachell

Claire A. Beaudoin

Charles Roland Beaver

Cheryl Jean Beaver

Lori Lee Bodzinski

Suzanne Marie Bodzinski

James Albert Bonafini, Jr.

Lori Ann Bronner

Brian L. Brougham

Aileen Barbara Brown

Lynn Ann Chudy

Lynn Marie Coache

Dianna Lynn Conrad

Robert M. Cook

Robert W. Cook

Lori Ann Cowher

Tina Joan Czupkiewicz

Christopher Stephen Daley

Sara Jean Dickinson

Maureen Ann Donovan

Ramona Marie Duda

Laurie Ann Emory

Carmen Gloria Exposito Rodriquez

Leah Jean Fay

Joan M. Ferris

Kevin W. Foster

Ann Marie Gelineau

Maureen Ann Hebert

Michael T. Henry

James D. Hodgen

David Charles Holmes

Susan M. Hutchinson

Jean Janice Jarrett

Dorothy Marie Joseph

Steven Anthony Keller

Kerry Jean Kelley

Michelle L. Knapp

Michael Joseph Lacombe

Tina Marie Lapointe

Mary A. Lepine

Robert Joseph Letourneau

Debra A. Lysik

Lisa A. Main

Karen Cecile Mann

Michelle Anna Matusko

Bovert John Michalski

John C. Nadeau

Mark Richard Neggers

William Richmond Peeso

Dennis Wayne Pekkala

Gary A. Perham

James D. Prentice

Debra Lee Reece

Diane L. Rhodes

Sherri Leigh Rhodes

Debbie L. Robinson

Barbara Ann Russell

Susan Theresa Russell

Douglas Andrew Smith

Thomas Todd Stockton

Mary Lucinda Terry

Denise Marie Tetrault

Marsha M. Towne

Andrew Aylwin Winter

Dale Armand Zaleski

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Lieut. Michael P. Austin David Holmes, Lori Bronner
Belchertown Teachers' Assoc. Mary Henrichon,

Dorothy Joseph,

Michael Lacombe

Mary-Alice Austin

James Bonafini

Holland Family Award

Mary Judkins Memorial

Lions Club

Mary-Alice Austin, Ronald Cook

Robert C. Morey Athletic Memorial

Lori Cowher

National Honor Society

Mary-Alice Austin,

Stephen Mellin,

Douglas Smith

Walter L. Papp

Richard D. Pratt Memorial

Mark Neggers

Douglas Smith

Louis A. Shumway
Steeple Memorial
Student Action for Education

James Hodgen
Mary-Alice Austin
Mary Henrichon,
Dorothy Joseph,
Susan Russell,
Aileen Brown,
Charles Beaver

Student Council
V.F.W. Ladies Auxiliary
V.F.W. Post -8428
Chauncey D. Walker Legion Aux.

Barbara Russell
Barbara Russell
Maureen Donovan
Mary Henrichon,
David Holmes,
Stephen Mellin,
Sherri Rhodes

Belchertown Police Association
Belchertown Secretaries & Aides Ass.
Eleanor H. Hagberg Memorial
Scholarship
Lewis J. Austin Memorial Award

Michael Lacombe
Susan Russell
Claire Beaudoin
Stephen Mellin

SCHOOL COSTS

The increasing school population plus State Mandates does not portend good news for the taxpayer of the Town. It is very difficult to keep a lid on the school budget when the school population is increasing rapidly. The builders and land developers of the Town are reaping great rewards but the taxpayers will suffer

from the increased costs of providing services for this growth in population.

A comparison of our proposed School Budget is as follows:

	Actual Fy 1979	Proposed Fy 1980
Administration	\$ 46,090.00	\$ 49,320.00
Instruction	1,372,287.00	1,432,511.00
Out of State Travel	2,765.00	2,440.00
Other School Services	229,791.00	231,277.00
Operation & Maintenance	245,539.00	275,348.00
Fixed Assets	8,593.00	12,285.00
Programs W/Other Schools	50,714.00	63,360.00
Total	\$1,952,269.00	\$2,067,041.00

This increase of \$114,777.00 is approximately 5.8%. However, negotiations have just started with teachers, custodians, and cafeteria employees for next year. The proposed budget does not include any funds to pay for any raises which may be negotiated.

Respectfully Submitted,

John B. Curry, Jr.
Superintendent of Schools

Report of the School Nurse

The year 1978 was a very busy one for the Health Department at Belchertown Public Schools. A new school immunization law - chapter 76, Section 15 of the General Laws of Massachusetts - was passed in the spring and enforced during the fall school term. This law requires proof of sequential immunization against Diphtheria, Pertussis and Tetanus (DPT), Polio and Measles. Mumps and Rubella (German Measles) are not required for school admittance at this writing, but strongly recommended. Four hundred thirty-seven immunizations were given in November to bring the students up to compliance with this law.

In conjunction with the Board of Health and Dr. Kenneth Collard, school physician, immunization clinics were held in April, June and September. The following vaccines were offered free of charge to Belchertown residents: Diphtheria, Pertussis and Tetanus (DPT), Polio, Measles, Mumps, German Measles and Tetanus Toxoid. Eighty-three residents partook of this service.

A Flu vaccine clinic was offered November 1, 1978, to all Town employees. Three Tuberculin detection clinics were held for employees and volunteers. All personnel coming in contact with students must be checked every three years for active Tuberculosis.

The Streptococcus detection program was in full swing through-out the year with 484 throat swabs

taken. This preventive measure has detected many, many children with Streptococcal infection. This infection is the forerunner of Rheumatic Fever and Rheumatic Heart Disease which cause long term disabling illness.

Dr. Kenneth Collard, school physician, performed physicals on students in K, 4, 7, and 11th grades. In addition physical exams were administered to all students engaging in a sports program.

All students were weighed, measured and charted. Vision and auditory screening was administered to all students with appropriate referrals sent to parents.

Home assessments and participation in core evaluations are my functions under the Chapter 766 law. These are to ascertain continuity of medical care for the handicapped student.

In May, a Health appraisal was performed on all 6th grade students going to Camp Sargent. Also in May, 80 pre-kindergarten children were tested for visual and auditory defects.

Providing emergency care, appraising illnesses, counseling students, parents and staff in each school daily comprise a large portion of my time.

Respectfully submitted,
Virginia C. Ayers, R.N.
School Nurse

Pathfinder Regional Vocational-Technical High School Report

ANNUAL REPORT - 1978

The Pathfinder Regional Vocational-Technical High School District Committee, under the chairmanship of David A. Staples of Belchertown, is pleased to present the following report to the citizens of the four town district of Belchertown, Monson, New Braintree, and Palmer, covering the 1978 calendar year. Other members of the committee during this period included Vice-Chairman Floyd Romanik, Jr. and Treasurer Michael Cavanaugh of Palmer, Secretary Marceline B. Matrow of Monson, and New Braintree representative Russell O. Dean, whose untimely death shortly after the expiration of his term shocked and saddened the Pathfinder community. That town has not been represented since April due to its failure to elect a member at the annual election.

CURRICULUM AND ENROLLMENT

The October 1, 1978, enrollment figures for the school included 418 students distributed among the towns as follows: from the Pathfinder district towns, Palmer 176; Monson 109; Belchertown 68; and New Braintree 16. Among the 418 were 49 out-of-district students from the six neighboring towns which have been exploring the possibility of an expanded district over the past year: Ware 17; Warren 6; West Brookfield 14; North Brookfield 7; Hardwick 4; and Oakham 1. These towns paid a per student tuition charge to Pathfinder of \$2,150.00.

Foremost among the curriculum introductions was the initiation of a formal Cooperative Education Program under the supervision of Ben F. Galas. This program provides the opportunity for alternating periods of study and paid work experience to a carefully selected group of senior students. Under the watchful eye of the state regulations covering such programs, approximately 15 to 20 students will gain valuable on-the-job experience at local business and industrial sites. In many instances, such experience leads to job placement upon graduation, and in all cases, closer ties between the vocational school and local employers have come about. The program has been funded for its first year by a \$17,000 grant from the Massachusetts Department of Education.

A further step forward in curriculum was taken in preparation for the comprehensive program audit conducted by the Department of Education in May of the year. Under current state regulations, each vocational school in the Commonwealth must be reviewed periodically for compliance with Chapter 74 of the Massachusetts General Laws. Shop and related curriculum in all ten approved vocational areas was refined, in some cases revised, and then written in accep-

table format for representatives of the Department to review. It was a source of pride to the Committee that the school was found to be in total compliance with Chapter 74. Suggestions made by the audit review team will be evaluated by the Committee and included in a plan for improvement in specific areas over the next three years. The audit process also included Special Education (Chapter 766), Equal Educational Opportunity (Chapter 622), and student records.

Continued emphasis was placed upon the practical experience gained through out-of-school projects by advanced students in several shops. The second house building project was completed in Bondsville by carpentry students, and a third was begun in Monson this fall. Landscaping for the elementary school in New Braintree was planned and carried out by students in the vocational agriculture program. Other work crews in carpentry made a substantial contribution to the construction of the music room addition to Belchertown High School, and electrical students installed the wiring in the Finnerty House for the Town of Belchertown. Culinary Arts students assisted at the dedication of the Palmer Town Library and provided a buffet luncheon for the groundbreaking ceremonies at the new Waste Water Treatment Plant which were attended by Governor Michael Dukakis and other state and local officials. These examples are but a few among many such projects which have enabled the school to cooperate with local town efforts to bring about improvements at substantial savings to the taxpayers. The students do undertake other work for citizens of the district from time to time provided the request has educational benefits within the approved curriculum.

Pathfinder's adult evening school continued to provide the district with an educational program tailored to the needs and interests of persons attempting to improve their job skills or to learn elements of a new trade. As in the previous year, however, a growing emphasis was placed on providing opportunities for adults to pursue leisure time interests and around-the-home types of useful skills. Over 600 took advantage of spring and fall offerings. In addition, the University of Massachusetts, through its Continuing Education Division, offered credit granting courses to area citizens through cooperative arrangements with Pathfinder.

FACULTY AND STAFF

The professional teaching staff at Pathfinder included 43 persons at the beginning of the 1978-79 school year. An additional electronics teacher was approved by the Committee to complete the staff for the satellite program being operated in cooperation with the South Hadley Public Schools, and a part-time speech clinician

was employed to provide services to students in accordance with Chapter 766. At the conclusion of the calendar year, an additional special education teacher for the shop areas was added through the assistance of P.L. 89-313 funds. Overall, the Committee was able to eliminate one position from the total number approved in the FY 1979 budget. As noted previously, the administrative staff included a director of Cooperative Education for the first time, but otherwise remained unchanged.

PUPIL SERVICES AND SPECIAL NEEDS

Pathfinder's guidance department was the recipient of a \$8,400.00 federal grant to address the problem of sex-bias and stereotyping in vocational programs and in related activities throughout the district. Activities on that project got under way in late fall and will enable Pathfinder and member town schools to develop methods of encouraging men and women students to investigate careers traditionally closed to one sex or the other. This objective is consistent with a nation-wide effort in vocational education to eliminate thinking of skill training in terms of male or female oriented occupations.

The basic skills of reading and mathematics were given added emphasis for disadvantaged students through the introduction of a Title I Program never before operational in a vocational school in the Commonwealth. Funds from this federally sponsored program enabled Pathfinder to employ a full-time teacher in this area and to expand services on a tutorial basis to specifically identified students.

Pathfinder's fourth graduating class numbered 92 students. Forty-nine percent were placed directly in their field, fourteen percent went on to higher education, another fifteen percent were placed in related work situations, and four percent chose the military. Eighteen percent are in other areas. Among the institutions of higher education attended by this year's graduates were Keene State College, Johnson and Wales College, Springfield Technical Community College, and the University of Massachusetts Stockbridge School of Agriculture. One student received his diploma from Pathfinder after having completed his senior year and his first year of technical college simultaneously.

Pathfinder's special needs program provided services to thirty-four students. A resource room program to assist these students in their academic areas was expanded to include a full-time teacher and an aide. As noted above, speech therapy was provided for the first time within the school, and special education services within shop areas were strengthened by the addition of a second teacher in that area. Each teacher is presently assigned to approximately five shop programs.

Project GROW, the Department of Education funded

program for students residing at Belchertown State School and Monson State Hospital, was continued and included six students from Pathfinder's own towns. The program continues to be featured in state and national publications as an exemplary effort and was highly praised by the State Board of Education at its April meeting held at the school.

FISCAL AFFAIRS

The School Committee approved an operating budget for FY 1979 of \$1,246,645.00 excluding salary negotiations, as follows:

Administration	\$80,350
Instruction	\$734,175
Other Services	\$124,695
Special Education	\$57,900
Operation and Maintenance	\$162,600
Fixed Charges	\$66,925
Fixed Assets	\$20,000

Anticipated reimbursements from all sources resulted in a net operating budget of \$804,536. Assessments to the member towns based upon this amount in addition to the evening school and bonded indebtedness resulted in: Belchertown \$161,857.30; Monson \$286,914.86; New Braintree \$34,948.43; and Palmer \$475,146.41. Further reductions in this amount were made possible through the application of regional school aid which totalled \$202,368.00.

School officials studied the development and implementation of the new school aid formula with particular attention to its long range impact on district finances. Under this plan passed by the 1978 session of the legislature, Pathfinder received Chapter 70 aid of \$367,132.00, an amount somewhat higher than previously anticipated under the old Chapter 74. The district is, however, in the so-called "save harmless" category with most of the towns of the Commonwealth, and that amount is not expected to grow over the next three years. With the impact of rising costs and inflationary pressures, the projection is not favorable.

Pathfinder continued to vigorously pursue federal funding for as many programs as possible. Several of these successful efforts have been mentioned above. Proposals totalling nearly \$80,000 resulted in programs and personnel having direct benefit to Pathfinder students. In addition \$126,500 in proposals are expected to be approved within the near future, resulting in one additional vocational program offering, the lunch program for the senior citizens, and assistance to a major industry in the Palmer area. Project GROW accounted for another \$174,100 in state funds from the Bureau of Institutional Schools.

Educational programs at Belchertown State School and Monson State Hospital, whose costs were approximately \$2,000,000 were operated through contracts between Pathfinder and the Massachusetts Depart-

ment of Education and the United States Office of Education. Although these programs are administered by personnel at these locations, all fiscal affairs have been handled by Pathfinder staff members. The resulting administrative monies which accrued to the school have been used from time to time by the School Committee to purchase materials and equipment in addition to compensating the district for the time and effort spent in these programs. Savings to taxpayers have been substantial.

Recognizing the growing importance of the use of computers in finance and administration of public schools, the Committee acquired a terminal with access to the State College Computer Network in Boston. This terminal has been utilized to update and maintain the inventory, to further automate student attendance and records data, and to explore the application of a relatively sophisticated computer system to the school's financial operations.

As a result of repeated requests from the Committee, the Bureau of Accounts conducted a thorough financial audit of Pathfinder's accounts this fall. It was the first such audit since the school became a fully operational district. Although the final report has not yet been received, the Committee has already implemented several suggestions and recommendations which came about as a result of the audit and which will result in a greatly improved financial operation.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Pathfinder has traditionally been proud of the contribution from its various advisory committees, to which some twenty new members were added this fall. Two meetings were held with the overall advisory committees, the first of which was devoted to a self-evaluation of the vocational programs preparatory to the audit mentioned above. A new general advisory committee was established to conform with the recent Chapter 74 regulations, and this group met twice with the School Committee to discuss programs, job opportunities, and facilities.

The automotive repair program was strengthened by the contribution of two Toyota automobiles for practice work by the students. This generous donation was again typical of such support from national and international concerns as well as locally based industry.

The school continued its support of the senior citizens' lunch program, the Red Cross Bloodmobile, vision and hearing clinics, and a number of other civic activities. The community likewise responded with support for the annual scholarship fund-raising activities and the Toys-for-Tots pancake breakfast, to name but a few.

FUTURE PLANS

With the announcement by the Department of Educa-

tion of the federal funds allocations to each city, town, and regional school district for the purpose of occupational programming, Pathfinder took advantage of a pool of resources to propose a training program in the field of minicomputers as the twelfth vocational program offering. Some \$95,000 in federal monies granted to the region, its member towns, and the cooperating towns of South Hadley and Granby (through the Hampshire Educational Collaborative) will be utilized to begin and maintain for one year a training program in this highly employable field. In addition, the electronics program presently being housed in South Hadley as a cooperative program is to be expanded and strengthened through the acquisition of additional equipment and increased student enrollments. District students will also have access to an ornamental horticulture program planned in Granby as part of a growing emphasis by the Commonwealth on providing occupational programming among schools and towns where there is presently limited access to them.

The exploration of ways in which to expand the program offerings to our students has continued, with ongoing discussions with surrounding towns regarding the expansion of the district. Monthly meetings have been held with representatives from Ware, Warren, West Brookfield, North Brookfield, Hardwick, and Oakham to discuss various options. This effort has progressed slowly, but the planning committee has methodically analyzed possible avenues for expansion given the present economic climate, student enrollments, employment trends, political realities, and state priorities.

During the coming year, Pathfinder, along with all other vocational school districts in the Commonwealth, will be required to develop a long range plan for providing occupational education to member towns as well, perhaps, as to surrounding communities. Constant attention must be given to population changes, relevance of curriculum offerings, job market indicators, and, not least, the entire picture of state and local support for education in the years to come.

Respectfully submitted,

David A. Staples, Chairman

Representative, Town of Belchertown

Gerald L. Paist

Superintendent-Director



Parks, Beach and Recreation Report

Families of Belchertown can enjoy their leisure time by attending one of the many recreational programs offered by the Recreation Department. The value of recreation is in the doing, and Belchertown is trying to offer resources, facilities and programs that give all of us a wide selection from which to choose.

The over-all objective of the Department is to offer a variety of programs for all ages that meets the recreational needs of the community.

Before listing the various programs that the Department offered during the past year, we'd like to comment on a few other important areas. The Maintenance Department did a good job in maintaining the Town Beach, The Old Town Hall, Parsons Field and the High School baseball diamond. We were also pleased in having assistance from the CETA program to help us run our increased activities. Our most helpful resource is the volunteer help we receive from the community, thank you.

Programs to be offered for the next year will be: Little League Baseball, Babe Ruth, Instructional Baseball, Instructional Basketball, Instructional Soccer, Adult Basketball, Adult Softball, Arts & Crafts, Instructional Swimming, Bus Trips to plays, the Ice Capades, etc. New programs that we will offer again this year are: Summer Playground, Flag Football and the Recreation Round-Up.

Hopefully we will be able to offer some of the following special programs which the community has expressed a need for. Instructional Floor Hockey, Shuffleboard, Volleyball, High School Basketball, Hot Shot Competition, Tables Games, Drama Group, Pottery, Women's Self-Defense, Cross Country Skiing, Gym-

nastics, Archery, Creative Dance, Exercise and Relaxation, Ice Hockey, Winter Swim Team and over night camping.

Because of the popularity of the Swimming Program and the Arts & Crafts Program, we hope to be able to continue to meet the needs of our growing community.

With the cooperation of the schools and some interested Belchertown citizens, a new baseball diamond was built at the back of Cold Spring School.

For the publicizing of our programs, we have a monthly newsletter and a weekly column in the local newspaper. Posters are put up at various locations throughout the Town. Flyers are distributed through all the schools.

All the facilities operated by the Belchertown Parks, Beach and Recreation Department are being used to their full potential. With the possibility of added fulltime help we hope to be able to continue with our active schedule.

A new softball diamond is presently under construction and possibly will be ready for use near mid-season.

The Recreation Department is pleased to work with all existing agencies, schools and volunteers in the community and appreciates the cooperation and support received.

Respectfully submitted,
Arthur Knapp, Recreation Direction
Recreation Commission:
Michael Forgue, Chairman
June Smith
Alan Forsythe
Sue Reece, Secretary
Patricia Burton

Cemetery Commission



Cemetery Commissioners

Floyd R. Peeso, Paul C. Cook-Chairman, Daniel W. MacPhee

There were twenty-eight (28) burials in 1978.

In addition to regular maintenance, all the headstones at Mount Hope Cemetery in the center of Belchertown were straightened and put back on their bases after vandals toppled them this spring.

The vault at South Cemetery is nearing completion and should be ready for use soon.

The Cemetery Commission turned back to the Town the following sums of money:

Opening costs	\$2,350.00
Sale of lots	875.00
Perpetual care	375.00
	\$3,600.00

Respectfully submitted,
Paul C. Cook, Chairman
Floyd R. Peeso
Daniel W. MacPhee

1978 Jury Service List

(Following jurors drawn from 1977-1978 list)

Hripak, Gerald F.	27 Wilson Road	January 3, 1978	Grand Juror
Scott, John Robb	596 Federal Street	January 3, 1978	Traverse Juror
Sears, Andrew T.	50 Greene Avenue	January 3, 1978	Traverse Juror
Zobka, Ronald F.	667 Franklin Street	January 3, 1978	Traverse Juror
Cook, John C.	191 Mill Valley Rd.	February 6, 1978	Traverse Juror
Leclerc, George A.	118 Rockrimmon Rd.	February 6, 1978	Traverse Juror
Robinson, Clarence, Jr.	136 Springfield Rd.	February 6, 1978	Traverse Juror
Wenzel, Rose Z.	241 Bardwell St.	February 6, 1978	Traverse Juror
Wisniewski, Marguerite A.	760 Federal Street	February 6, 1978	Traverse Juror
Plant, Helen M.	11 Fletcher Avenue	April 24, 1978	Traverse Juror
Opalenik, George M.	92 Sabin Street	April 24, 1978	Traverse Juror

(Following jurors drawn from 1978-79 list)

Evans, Frances	11 Cottage Street	August 7, 1978	Traverse Juror
Moreau, Hortense	178 Stebbins Street	August 7, 1978	Traverse Juror
Ribiero, Irene	121 Stebbins Street	August 7, 1978	Traverse Juror
Ducharme, Beverly A.	370 Mill Valley Road	September 5, 1978	Traverse Juror
Thomas, Richard D.	231 State Street	September 5, 1978	Traverse Juror
Papp, Helen	33 Mill Valley Road	September 5, 1978	Traverse Juror
Rhodes, Dorothy	90 Alden Street	October 2, 1978	Traverse Juror
Whitlock, Muriel E.	181 North Street	October 2, 1978	Traverse Juror
Pepe, June	201 South Washington St.	October 2, 1978	Traverse Juror
Abely, John	78 North Main St.	October 23, 1978	Traverse Juror
Harrington, Michael L.	7 Town Beach Road	October 23, 1978	Traverse Juror
Swank, Imelda M.	46 Allen Road	October 23, 1978	Traverse Juror
Matusko, Judith	591 Daniel Shays Highway	December 26, 1978	Grand Juror
Peeso, Luana M.	72 Franklin Street	December 26, 1978	Grand Juror
Curran, Michael D.	271 Allen Road	December 26, 1978	Traverse Juror
Jackson, George B.	50 Woodhaven Drive	December 26, 1978	Traverse Juror
Rhodes, Harlan D.	540 State Street	December 26, 1978	Traverse Juror

Town Meetings and Election Results

Action taken at the Special Town Meeting held April 3, 1978

Moderator—Joseph R. White

Registered voters present—150 (Quorum required —25)

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

The Clerk read the Return of the Warrant.

Article I. Voted to appropriate from Public Law #92-512 (Federal Revenue Sharing) Entitlement Period 5, the sum of \$400.00 to purchase a desk and chair for the Town Clerk's office.

Vote—Unanimous Yes

Article II. Voted to appropriate from Public Law #94-488 (Federal Revenue Sharing) Entitlement Period 8, the sum of \$3,800.00 to be used in conjunction with that voted at the Special Town Meeting of October 17, 1977 for repairs to the Finnerty property.

Vote—Unanimous Yes

Article III. Voted to appropriate from Public Law

#94-488 (Federal Revenue Sharing) Entitlement Period 8, the sum of \$2,500.00 to be used in conjunction with that voted at the Annual Town Meeting of April 4, 1977 to construct a parking area at the Cold Spring School on land acquired from Eleanor S. Bartlett.

Vote—Unanimous Yes

Article IV. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$500.00 to the Snow Removal Account.

Vote—Unanimous Yes

Article V. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$2,500.00 to the Sewer Maintenance Expense Account.

Vote—Unanimous Yes

Article VI. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$1,500.00 to the Highways-Road Machinery Expense Account.

Vote—Unanimous Yes

Article VII. Voted to authorize the Housing Authori-

ty, a duly established housing authority under Section 3 of Chapter 121B of the Massachusetts General Laws as amended, to make a survey of needs for additional units of Low Rent Elderly Housing under Chapter 667, Acts of 1954, as amended.

(The original motion was to authorize the Authority to make application for the development of additional units, and was amended by a majority vote, deleting the phrase "application for the development of" and inserting in its place the phrase "a survey of needs for.")

Vote on Motion as amended—Unanimous Yes

During the discussion on the above article, at 7:48 p.m. the Moderator recessed the meeting to call to order the Annual Meeting which was scheduled for 7:45 p.m., which he immediately recessed to the conclusion of the Special Meeting, and thereupon called the Special Meeting back to order.

Article VIII. Voted to authorize the Selectmen to take by eminent domain in accordance with the appropriate statutes of the Commonwealth, on behalf of the citizens of the Town of Belchertown, the following parcel of land owned by Bondsville Realty, Inc.:

The land in Belchertown, Massachusetts situated on the northerly side of River Street, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a concrete bound at the southeasterly corner of the land herein described at a point in the northerly line of River Street that is approximately 65 feet westerly of the west end of the bridge over the Swift River; thence North 22° 30' East a distance of 60.00 feet along other land of Bondsville Realty, Inc. to a concrete bound; thence North 67° 30' West, a distance of 90.00 feet along other land of Bondsville Realty, Inc. to a concrete bound; thence South 22° 30' West a distance of 60.00 feet along other land of Bondsville Realty, Inc., to a concrete bound to be set in the Northerly line of River Street; thence South 67° 30' East a distance of 90.00 feet along said River Street to the place of beginning. Containing 0.124 acres, more or less, and being shown on a plan of land entitled "Land in Belchertown, Mass. to be acquired for waste water pumping station" Tighe and Bond Consulting Engineers, Easthampton, Massachusetts, August, 1977.

Vote—Unanimous Yes

Voted to dissolve this meeting at 7:53 p.m.

Attest: Carl J. Peterson, Jr.

Town Clerk

Action taken at the Annual Town Meeting held April 3, 1978

Moderator—Joseph R. White

Registered voters present—275 (Quorum required—25)

The Meeting was called to order at 7:48 p.m. and recessed until 7:55 p.m. to permit completion of a Special Town Meeting.

The Clerk read the Return of the Warrant.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Keith McHaffie.

The Invocation was given by Rev. Everett Kucier of Hope United Methodist Church.

William G. Whitlock, Chairman, Board of Selectmen, requested those present to rise in a moment of silent tribute to two officers of the Town who had died during the year: Wallace F. Chevalier, the Dog Officer; and, Lewis J. Austin, a member of the Housing Authority, and Animal Inspector.

Chairman Whitlock introduced the members of the Board of Selectmen, and Chairman George Jackson of the Finance Committee introduced the members of that Committee.

Mr. Frank Scialla was presented the Outstanding Citizen Award by Chairman Whitlock. Mr. Scialla has for many years faithfully wound and maintained the Town Clock in the steeple of the Congregational Church.

Article I. Nominated and elected Janet L. Wood and Virginia M. Hislop as Almoners of the Whiting Street and Mrs. Susan M. D. Bridgman Funds, each for one year.

Vote—Unanimous Yes

Article II. Voted to accept the reports of the officers of the Town and of any committee that may have been appointed by the Town with the exception of the Finance Committee.

Vote—Unanimous Yes

Article III. Voted to appropriate to the Clapp Memorial Library Expense Account the sum of \$30.11, the dog license refunds of 1977.

Vote—Unanimous Yes

Article IV. Voted to authorize the Assessors, the Cemetery Commissioners, the Sewer Commissioners and the Tree Warden to appoint themselves to work in their various departments for the ensuing fiscal year, at hourly rates not exceeding the following:

Assessors	\$4.00
Cemetery Commissioners	\$4.00
Sewer Commissioners	\$4.00
Tree Warden	\$4.00

Vote—Unanimous Yes

Article V. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$30,000.00 for improvements of the following streets, all public ways:

Summit Street	Jensen Street
Gulf Road	Allen Street
Sabin Street	Blue Meadow Road
Juckett Hill Road	Green Avenue
Warren Wright Street	Metacomet Street
pending reimbursement from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts under the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 497, Acts of 1971.	

Vote—Unanimous Yes

(A motion to amend the original motion by deleting Juckett Hill Road and Blue Meadow Road was defeated by a vote of 128 to 58.)

Article VI. Voted to appropriate from Public Law #94-488 (Federal Revenue Sharing) Entitlement Period 8, the sum of \$20,000.00 for materials for the Maintenance and Improvement of secondary streets.

Vote—Unanimous Yes

Article VII. Voted to appropriate the sum of \$56,808.00 for Chapter 90 (765, Acts of 1972), Highway Construction, and to meet said appropriation authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow said sum under the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 6A, pending reimbursement from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts under the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 497, Acts of 1971.

Vote—Unanimous Yes

Article VIII. Voted to appropriate from Public Law #94-488(Federal Revenue Sharing) Entitlement Period 8, the sum of \$3,825.00 to purchase and equip a new sander for the Highway Department.

Vote—Unanimous Yes

Article IX. Voted to appropriate from Public Law #94-488 (Federal Revenue Sharing) Entitlement Period 9 the sum of \$34,500.00 to purchase and equip a Front End Bucket Loader for the Highway Department.

Vote—Unanimous Yes

Article X. Voted to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning July 1, 1978, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17.

Vote—Unanimous Yes

Article XI. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$400.00 to the Conservation Fund for the use of the Conservation Commission.

Vote—Unanimous Yes

Article XII. Voted to amend the Town of Belcher-town, Massachusetts Personnel By-Law of July 1, 1976, as amended, as follows:

1. To amend Section 5A (3) by deleting same in its entirety and inserting the following: "For salaried employees classified as Administrative-Professional in Appendix A, forty (40)hours per seven (7) calendar day work period,Thursday through Wednesday, with the exception of the Council on Aging whose work week shall be based on thirty-five (35) hours."

2. To amend Section 6B (2) (a) through (g) by deleting same in its entirety and inserting in place there of, the following:

"2. Vacation. All regular full time employees covered

by this By-Law shall be eligible for vacation leave with pay to be credited on the 28th day of each month as follows:

a. Less than and including one (1) year completed service as of the 28th of the month, 5/12 day per full calendar month employed.

b. More than one (1) through and including five (5) years completed service as of the 28th of the month, 5/6 day per full calendar month employed.

c. More than five (5) through and including ten (10) years completed service as of the 28th of the month, 1/4 days per full calendar month employed.

d. More than ten (10) years completed service as of the 28th day of the month, 1 2/3 days per full calendar month employed.

e. Vacation leave shall be granted by the appropriate Department Head of the Town at such time as in his opinion will cause the least interference with the regular work of the Town.

f. Vacation leave should be used prior to the employees next anniversary date. Vacation leave may be accumulated for two (2) years with the prior written permission of the appropriate Department Head and the Personnel Board.

g. Employees eligible for vacation leave whose services are terminated by dismissal,resignation, retirement, or the entrance into the armed forces, shall be paid for the accrued vacation leave.

h. Upon the death of an employee eligible for vacation leave, payments shall be made to the estate or heirs of the deceased for the accrued vacation."

3. To amend Appendix A: "Town Classifications"—Compensation Plan by deleting from Section D thereof the category and position of Council on Aging Aide and corresponding Pay Level and by deleting in its entirety the positions and corresponding Pay Levels under Section C, Administrative—Professional, and inserting in place thereof under said Section C the following:

"Highway Superintendent	11
Town Accountant	8
Planning Ass't/Engineering Aide/Grantsman	7
Recreation Director	7
Council on Aging Aide	5
Building Inspector/Zoning Enforcement	
Officer/Assessors' Field Representative	10"

4. To amend that portion of the COMPENSATION PLAN as the same appears on page 9 of said Personnel By-Law by deleting in its entirety Section A, B, and C and insert in place thereof, the following:

A. Part-time Employees, Annual Salary Schedule	
Fire Chief	\$1,250.00
Assistant Fire Chief	500.00
School Crossing Guard	6.50 per day
Board of Health Sanitarian	650.00
Dog Officer	5.00 per action
Plumbing Inspector	4.00 per inspection

Veterans' Agent	2,205.00
Wiring Inspector	5.00 per inspection
Director of Civil Defense	350.00
Animal Inspector	300.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures	350.00
Gas Inspector	5.00 per inspection
Clerk, Board of Registrars	

According to Chapter 41, 19G

B. Part-time employees, Hourly Schedule

Forest Fire Duty	3.00
Election Workers	\$2.65-3.35
Parks & Recreational Seasonal Employees	2.65-3.85
Public Works seasonal employees	2.65-3.85
Police Officers	3.30 first six months 3.50 for two years 3.75 maximum

Clerk, Typist	2.65-3.65
Council on Aging Cooks and Drivers	2.65-3.35

C. Weekly Salary Schedule for all full time employees except Public Works and Seasonal Employees. A full time employee is one who normally works thirty five (35) hours or more per week.

Pay

Level	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5
1	\$107.00	\$111.50	\$115.75	\$120.50	\$125.25
2	115.75	120.25	125.00	130.00	135.25
3	125.00	130.00	135.00	140.50	146.25
4	135.00	140.25	146.00	151.75	157.75
5	145.75	151.50	157.50	164.00	170.50
6	157.25	163.75	170.25	177.00	184.00
7	170.00	176.75	183.50	191.25	198.75
8	183.50	191.00	198.50	206.50	214.75
9	198.25	206.25	214.50	223.00	232.00
10	214.00	222.75	231.50	240.75	250.50
11	231.25	240.50	250.00	260.00	270.50

Employees classified as Administrative—Professional shall receive a weekly salary.

For all other employees who work less than forty (40) hours per week, divide the weekly salary by forty (40) and multiply by the number of hours actually worked.

Vote—Unanimous Yes

Article XIII. Voted to fix the salaries and compensation of all elected officers of the Town, as provided for by Section 108 of Chapter 41, of the General Laws, as amended; and to raise and appropriate, or appropriate from available funds in the treasury, money for departmental and incidental expenses of the Town for the ensuing fiscal year; and that the various major categories of the budget as contained in the Finance Committee's report be considered separately and acted upon; and further that these sums of money granted and appropriated for the several specific purposes therein designated, be expended only for these purposes as specifically designated under the direction of the

respective officers, boards, and committees of the Town.

Vote—Unanimous Yes

Article XIII (a). Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$182,640.00 for General Government, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

Vote—Unanimous Yes

Article XIII(b). Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$33,867.00 for Municipal Buildings and Grounds, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

Vote—Unanimous Yes

Article XIII(c). Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$177,137.00 for Protection of Persons and Property, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

Vote—Unanimous Yes

Article XIII(d). Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$59,070.00 for Health and Sanitation, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

Vote—Unanimous Yes

Article XIII(e). Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$215,167.00 for Highways and Sidewalks, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

Vote—Unanimous Yes

Article XIII(f). Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,505.00 for the Veterans' Department, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

Vote—Unanimous Yes

Article XIII(g). Voted to appropriate the sum of \$1,955,779.00 to defray the following itemized expenses of the School Department:

Administration—Salaries	\$41,040.00
Administration—Wages	620.00
Administration—Expenses	4,430.00
Administration—Out of State Travel	0.00
Instruction—Salaries	1,200,262.00
Instruction—Wages	63,287.00
Instruction—Expenses	108,738.00
Instruction—Out of State Travel	2,765.00
Other School Services—Salaries	18,065.00
Other School Services—Wages	44,697.00
Other School Services—Expenses	167,029.00
Operation and Maintenance—Salaries	83,269.00
Operation and Maintenance—Wages	6,800.00

Operation and Maintenance—Expenses 155,470.00
 Fixed Assets—Expenses 8,593.00
 Programs with Other Schools—Expenses 50,714.00
 and to meet said appropriation the sum of \$5,405.68 is to be appropriated from unexpended funds in the Public Law #874 Account and the balance thereof to wit:

\$1,950,373.32 is to be raised by taxation.

Vote—Unanimous Yes

The original motion as presented by the Finance Committee was amended by a unanimous vote reducing the total appropriation from \$1,988,169.00 to \$1,955,779.00.

Article XIII(h). Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$13,311.00 for the Clapp Memorial Library, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

Vote—Unanimous Yes

Article XIII(i). Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$28,923.00 for Parks, Beach and Recreation, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

Vote—Unanimous Yes

Article XIII(j). Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$182,799.00 for Pensions and Insurance, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

Vote—Unanimous Yes

Article XIII(k). Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$13,713.00 for Unclassified Items, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

Vote—Unanimous Yes

Article XIII(l). Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$17,400.00 for Cemeteries, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

Vote—Unanimous Yes

Article XIII(m). Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$62,672.50 for Interest and Maturing Debt, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

Vote—Unanimous Yes

Following completion of action on Article XIII, a motion was made and seconded to change the order of consideration of the remaining articles and advance Article XXIX for immediate consideration. The vote to consider Article XXIX as the next order of business was passed by a majority.

Article XXIX. On the motion—To amend the Zoning By-Law and the Zoning Map of the Town of Belcher-town in accordance with the copies of said proposed amendments which are located in the office of the Town Clerk and available for inspection by the public during regular office hours, such proposed amendments represent a complete revision of the existing Zoning By-Law as well as changes and additions of certain zoning districts thereto, and to said Zoning Map such revisions shall include but not be limited to the following: Definitions; Schedule of Use Regulations; Schedule of Intensity Regulations; General Regulations (includes parking, fences, signs, accessory buildings, non-conformances, mobile homes, temporary shelters); Supplemental Regulations and Administrative Regulations; as well as adopt such mandatory provisions that should be required to bring the Zoning By-Law into conformity with the provisions of Chapter 808 of the Acts of 1975 of the Massachusetts General Laws entitled the *Zoning Act*, it was voted to take no action.

Vote—Unanimous Yes

There was considerable discussion on the original motion and a few amendments were proposed, some of which were ruled as more restrictive and not acceptable, and others acted upon. During the discussion, the moderator called a brief recess to confer with Town Counsel. Following further discussion, an opinion was requested from Town Counsel on the advisability of trying to resolve the question and he advised that it would be better to reconsider the matter at a future meeting with the issue presented in several articles.

Article XIV. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$100.00 to be used by the Assessors for legal counsel in resolving court tax cases.

Vote—Unanimous Yes

Article XV. Voted to appropriate from the State Aid to Libraries Account the sum of \$2,385.38 to the Clapp Memorial Library Expense Account.

Vote—Unanimous Yes

Article XVI. Voted to appropriate from the Reserve Fund-Overlay Surplus Account the sum of \$12,137.38 to the Reserve Fund for the use of the Finance Committee.

Vote—Unanimous Yes

Article XVII. Voted to appropriate from Public Law #94—488 (Federal Revenue Sharing) Entitlement Period 8, the sum of \$6,500.00 to purchase and equip a new police cruiser.

Vote—Unanimous Yes

Article XVIII. Voted to appropriate from the Sale of Cemetery Lots Account the sum of \$1,375.00 to the Cemetery Commissioners Expense Account.

Vote—Unanimous Yes

Article XIX. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$161,857.30 to pay the Town's apportioned share of the capital budget, the operating and maintenance budget, and the evening school budget of the Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District.

Vote—Unanimous Yes

Article XX. Voted to appropriate from Public Law #92-512 (Federal Revenue Sharing) Entitlement Period 5, the sum of \$2,730.00, Entitlement 6, the sum of \$899.00, Entitlement 7, the sum of \$1,250.00 and from Public Law #94-488 (Federal Revenue Sharing) Entitlement Period 8, the sum of \$10,515.00, and Entitlement Period 9, the sum of \$18,700.00 for the following capital expenditures:

Treasurer—Calculator, Ent. 6	\$150.00
Maintenance	
—Miscellaneous Equipment, Ent. 5	730.00
Historical Commission—File, Ent. 5	200.00
Lawrence Memorial Hall Peak Repair, Ent. 9	400.00
Old Town Hall Storm Windows, Ent. 5	500.00
Fire Department Equipment, Ent. 8	7,965.00
Building Inspector	
—Desk, Chair, Calculator, Ent. 8	550.00
Black Top & Utilities for Salt Shed, Ent. 9	5,000.00
Fire Alarm Systems	
—Fire Station & Finnerty, Ent. 8	2,000.00
Assessors	
—Oxford Pendoflexer Rolling File, Ent. 5	75.00
Police Dept.—Typewriter, Desk, Chair, Ent. 5	1,225.00
Parking Lot—Finnerty House, Ent. 9	8,000.00
Highway Department—Radio, Ent. 9	700.00
Schools	
—Energy Saver—Memorial School, Ent. 6	749.00
Schools	
—Self-contained valves—Cold Spring, Ent. 7	1,250.00
Schools—Air Low Limits—High School, Ent. 9	2,800.00
Schools—Insulation—High School, Ent. 9	1,800.00
	<u>34,094.00</u>

Vote—Unanimous Yes

Article XXI. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$17,000.00 to the Unemployment Compensation Account.

Vote—Unanimous Yes

Article XXII. Voted to change the term of the Tree Warden from a one (1) year term to a three (3) year term to commence with the Annual Election of April 1979.

Vote—Unanimous Yes

Article XXIII. Voted to require any person or firm engaging the services of the Tree Warden and Moth Superintendent in their official capacity to pay for such services at the rate of \$5.00 per hour plus \$.14

cents per mile of travel, said compensation to be paid in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 53C, of the Massachusetts General Laws.

Vote—Unanimous Yes

Article XXIV. On the Article—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate from available funds in the treasury a sum of money for the purpose of a financial audit of the books and accounts of the Town, or take any action relative thereto, it was voted to take no action on this article.

Vote—Unanimous Yes

Article XXV. On the Article—To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds in the treasury a sum of money to be used by the Assessors to reduce the tax rate, or take any action relative thereto, it was voted to take no action on this article.

Vote—Unanimous Yes

Article XXVI. Voted to adopt a new Town By-Law that will authorize the Building Inspector to assign street numbers to all buildings located within the Town, which numbers shall thereafter be affixed by the owners on said buildings or near the line of a public or private way on which such structures are located and whoever violates this By-Law shall be fined by a sum of not more than \$50.00.

Vote—Majority Yes

During the discussion on this Motion, a proposed amendment to change the final "shall" to "may" was defeated by a majority vote. A motion to "cut off debate" passed by a unanimous vote.

Article XXVII. On the motion—To accept as a public way that Street or Road known as Westwood Drive as it is more particularly shown on a Plan of Land recorded with the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 93, Page 19, the description of which as appearing on said plan is incorporated by reference herein, it was voted to take no action.

Vote—Majority Yes

Article XXVIII. On the motion—To accept as a public way that Street or Road known as Fox Run Drive as it is more particularly shown on a plan of land recorded with the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 103, Page 67, the description of which as appearing on said plan is incorporated by reference herein, it was voted to take no action.

Vote—Majority Yes

Voted to dissolve this meeting at 11:02 p.m.

Attest: Carl J. Peterson, Jr.

Town Clerk

The Certification of Appropriations, which follows, is the official itemization of expenditures as voted under all articles.

**CERTIFICATION OF APPROPRIATIONS
TOWN MEETING HELD April 3, 1978**

ARTICLE - BUDGET OR DEPT.	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	FROM TAX LEVY	FROM FREE CASH	FROM OTHER AVLBLE FUNDS	REVENUE SHARING	BORROWING
1. None	—	—	—	—	—	—
2. None	—	—	—	—	—	—
3. Clapp Memorial Library—Expense Account	30.11	—	—	30.11	—	—
4. None	—	—	—	—	—	—
5. Public Ways, Sundry, Improvements (10)	30,000.00	—	30,000.00	—	—	—
6. Materials for maint. & improvement, secondary streets	20,000.00	—	—	—	#8—20,000.00	—
7. Chapter 90, Highway Construction	56,808.00	—	—	—	—	56,808.00
8. Purchase & equip, Sander, Highway Dept.	3,825.00	—	—	—	#8—3,825.00	—
9. Purchase & equip, Front End Bucket Loader, Highway Dept.	34,500.00	—	—	—	#9—34,500.00	—
10. None	—	—	—	—	—	—
11. Conservation Fund	400.00	—	400.00	—	—	—
12. None	—	—	—	—	—	—
13. Itemized Budgets						
(a) General Government (Total)	182,640.00					
1. Moderator, expenses	—	35.00	—	—	—	—
2. Selectmen, salaries	—	6,300.00	—	—	—	—
expense	—	5,100.00	—	—	—	—
3. Accountant—Administrative Secretary	—	—	—	—	—	—
salary	—	9,973.00	—	—	—	—
Wages	—	8,515.00	—	—	—	—
expenses	—	1,750.00	—	—	—	—
out of state travel	—	200.00	—	—	—	—
4. Town Treasurer	—	—	—	—	—	—
salary	—	5,000.00	—	—	—	—
wages	—	9,629.00	—	—	—	—
expenses	—	2,840.00	—	—	—	—
capital	—	150.00	—	—	—	—
5. Tax Collector	—	—	—	—	—	—
salary	—	5,000.00	—	—	—	—
wages	—	13,212.00	—	—	—	—
expenses	—	4,345.00	—	—	—	—
6. Town Clerk, salary	—	3,850.00	—	—	—	—
wages	—	8,964.00	—	—	—	—
expenses	—	2,063.00	—	—	—	—
7. Assessors, salary	—	3,200.00	—	—	—	—
wages	—	19,600	—	—	—	—
expenses	—	10,300.00	—	—	—	—
8. Law Account	—	6,600.00	—	—	—	—
9. Finance Committee, expenses	—	200.00	—	—	—	—
10. Election & Registration, salary	—	150.00	—	—	—	—
wages	—	7,500	—	—	—	—
expenses	—	1,250	—	—	—	—
11. Planning Board, wages	—	500.00	—	—	—	—
expenses	—	3,000.00	—	—	—	—
out of state travel	—	50.00	—	—	—	—
12. Board of Appeals, wages	—	800.00	—	—	—	—
expenses	—	300.00	—	—	—	—
13. Conservation Commission, wages	—	100.00	—	—	—	—
expenses	—	575.00	—	—	—	—
capital	—	200.00	—	—	—	—
14. Council on Aging, salaries	—	14,333.00	—	—	—	—
wages	—	7,182	—	—	—	—
expenses	—	6,745.00	—	—	—	—
15. Industrial Development Commission,	—	—	—	—	—	—
expenses	—	150.00	—	—	—	—
16. Historical Commission, expenses	—	500.00	—	—	—	—
Engineering Services (Professional)	—	—	—	—	—	—
expenses	—	2,500.00	—	—	—	—
18. Planning Assistant, Engineering	—	—	—	—	—	—
Aide/grantswriter	—	—	—	—	—	—
salaries	—	9,279.00	—	—	—	—
(b) Municipal Buildings & Grounds (Total)	33,867.00					
19. Lawrence Memorial Hall, wages	—	—0—	—	—	—	—
expenses	—	4,000.00	—	—	—	—
20. Municipal Garages, expenses	—	7,500.00	—	—	—	—
21. Old Town Hall, expenses	—	5,000.00	—	—	—	—

22. Finnerty House, expenses	—	2,350.00	—	—	—	—
23. Town Common'expenses	—	2,450.00	—	—	—	—
24. Town Clock, expenses	—	400.00	—	—	—	—
25. Maintenance—Groundskeeper, wages	—	11,167.00	—	—	—	—
expenses	—	1,000.00	—	—	—	—
(c) Protection of Persons and Property						
(Total)	177,137.00					
26. Police Department:						
Salary—Chief	—	16,706.00	—	—	—	—
Wages—Full Time	—	49,603.00	—	—	—	—
Wages—Part Time	—	24,940.00	—	—	—	—
Expenses	—	26,000.00	—	—	—	—
27. Fire Department, salaries	—	1,750.00	—	—	—	—
wages	—	6,600.00	—	—	—	—
expenses	—	11,045.00	—	—	—	—
28. Hydrant Service, expenses	—	5,950.00	—	—	—	—
29. Water Storage Holes, expenses	—	600.00	—	—	—	—
30. Dept. of Weights & Measures, salary	—	350.00	—	—	—	—
expenses	—	180.00	—	—	—	—
31. Dog Officer, salary	—	1,320.00	—	—	—	—
expenses	—	420.00	—	—	—	—
32. Building Inspector—Zoning Officer						
—Asst. Assessor						
salary	—	11,128.00	—	—	—	—
expenses	—	2,650.00	—	—	—	—
capital	—	350.00	—	—	—	—
33. Wiring Inspector, wages	—	3,500.00	—	—	—	—
expenses	—	900.00	—	—	—	—
34. Gas Inspector, wages	—	100.00	—	—	—	—
expenses	—	75.00	—	—	—	—
35. Burner Inspector, wages	—	2,000.00	—	—	—	—
expenses	—	500.00	—	—	—	—
36. Civil Defense, salary	—	350.00	—	—	—	—
expense	—	480.00	—	—	—	—
37. Insect Pest Control, expenses	—	1,815.00	—	—	—	—
38. Dutch Elm Disease, wages	—	1,737.00	—	—	—	—
expenses	—	1,113.00	—	—	—	—
39. Tree Warden wages	—	2,750.00	—	—	—	—
expenses	—	2,225.00	—	—	—	—
(d) Health & Sanitation (Total)	59,070.00					
40. Health Dept., salaries	—	925.00	—	—	—	—
wages	—	5,850.00	—	—	—	—
expenses	—	11,135.00	—	—	—	—
41. Sewer Maintenance, salaries	—	1,250.00	—	—	—	—
wages	—	3,000.00	—	—	—	—
expenses	—	21,300.00	—	—	—	—
42. Sanitary Landfill Area, wages	—	14,610.00	—	—	—	—
expenses	—	1,000.00	—	—	—	—
(e) Highways & Sidewalks (Total)	215,167.00					
43. Highways—Supt. Salary	—	14,066.00	—	—	—	—
44. Highways—General, wages	—	40,000.00	—	—	—	—
expenses	—	30,000.00	—	—	—	—
45. Highways—Benefits, wages	—	14,570.00	—	—	—	—
46. Highways—Sidewalks, expenses	—	5,000.00	—	—	—	—
47. Highways—Bridges & Culverts,						
expenses	—	12,000.00	—	—	—	—
48. Highways—Snow Removal, expenses	—	60,000.00	—	—	—	—
49. Highways—Street Lighting, expenses	—	16,531.00	—	—	—	—
50. Highways—Road Machinery Expenses	—	23,000.00	—	—	—	—
(f) Veterans' Department (Total)	30,505.00					
51. Veterans' salary	—	2,205.00	—	—	—	—
wages	—	800.00	—	—	—	—
expenses	—	27,500.00	—	—	—	—
(g) School Department (Total)	1,955,779.00					
52. Schools:						
#1000 Administration, salaries	—	41,040.00	—	—	—	—
wages	—	620.00	—	—	—	—
expenses	—	4,430.00	—	—	—	—
out of state travel	—	0.00	—	—	—	—
#2000 Instruction, salaries	—	1,194,856.32	—	5,405.68(P.L.874)	—	—
wages	—	63,287.00	—	—	—	—
expenses	—	108,738.00	—	—	—	—
out of state travel	—	2,765.00	—	—	—	—
#3000 Other School Services, salaries	—	18,065.00	—	—	—	—
wages	—	44,697.00	—	—	—	—

expenses	—	167,029.00	—	—	—	—
#4000 Operation & Maintenance,						
salaries	—	83,269.00	—	—	—	—
wages	—	6,800.00	—	—	—	—
expenses	—	155,470.00	—	—	—	—
#7000 Fixed Assets, expenses	—	8,593.00	—	—	—	—
#9000 Programs w other schools,						
expenses	—	50,714.00	—	—	—	—
(h) Clapp Memorial Library (Total)	13,311.00					
53. Clapp Memorial Library, wages	—	8,732.00	—	—	—	—
expenses	—	4,579.00	—	—	—	—
(i) Parks, Beach & Recreation (Total)	28,923.00					
54. Parks, Beach & Recreation, salaries	—	9,191.00	—	—	—	—
wages	—	9,027.00	—	—	—	—
expenses	—	10,705.00	—	—	—	—
(j) Pensions & Insurance (Total)	182,799.00					
55. Pensions	—	50,262.00	—	—	—	—
56. Insurance—General	—	59,003.00	—	—	—	—
57. Health Insurance	—	71,521.00	—	—	—	—
58. Life Insurance	—	2,013.00	—	—	—	—
(k) Unclassified (Total)	13,713.00					
59. Patriotic Exercises	—	300.00	—	—	—	—
60. Town Report	—	4,500.00	—	—	—	—
61. Unclassified (other)	—	6,050.00	—	—	—	—
62. Reserve Fund	—	2,863.00	—	—	—	—
(l) Cemeteries (Total)	17,400.00					
63. Cemeteries, salaries	—	800.00	—	—	—	—
wages	—	3,100.00	—	—	—	—
expenses	—	13,100.00	—	—	—	—
64. Veteran's Graves	—	400.00	—	—	—	—
(m) Interest and Maturing Debt (Total)	62,672.50					
65. Interest—1963 School Bond	—	7,672.50	—	—	—	—
Temporary Short—Term Notes	—	10,000.00	—	—	—	—
66. Maturing Debt—1963 School Loan	—	45,000.00	—	—	—	—
14. Assessors—Legal Counsel	100.00	—	100.00	—	—	—
15. Clapp Mem. Library—Expense Acct.	2,385.38	—	—	2,385.38	—	—
16. Reserve Fund for use of Finance Comm.	12,137.38	—	—	12,137.38	—	—
17. Police Cruiser (purchase & equip)	6,500.00	—	—	—	#8—6,500.00	—
18. Cemetery Comm. Expense Acct.	1,375.00	—	—	1,375.00	—	—
19. Pathfinder Reg. Voc. Tech. H.S. Dist—						
(capital, oper. & maint., & evening school						
budgets)	161,857.30	161,857.30	—	—	—	—
20. a) Treasurer—Calculator, Ent. 6	150.00	—	—	—	#6— 150.00	—
b) Maintenance—Miscellaneous Equip., Ent. 5	730.00	—	—	—	#5— 730.00	—
c) Historical Commission—File, Ent. 5	200.00	—	—	—	#5— 200.00	—
Law. Mem. Hall Peak Repair, Ent. 9	400.00	—	—	—	#9— 400.00	—
e) Old Town Hall Storm Windows, Ent. 5	500.00	—	—	—	#5— 500.00	—
f) Fire Department Equipment, Ent. 8	7,965.00	—	—	—	#8—7,965.00	—
g) Building Inspector—Desk, Chair, Calculator,						
Ent.8	550.00	—	—	—	#8— 550.00	—
h) Black Top & Utilities for Salt Shed, Ent. 9	5,000.00	—	—	—	#—5,000.00	—
i) Fire Alarm Systems—Fire Station &						
Finnerty, Ent. 8	2,000.00	—	—	—	#8—2,000.00	—
j) Assessors—Oxford Pendoflexer Rolling File,						
Ent. 5	75.00	—	—	—	#5— 75.00	—
k) Police Dept.—Typewriter, Desk,						
Chair, Ent. 5	1,225.00	—	—	—	#5—1,225.00	—
l) Parking Lot—Finnerty House, Ent. 9	8,000.00	—	—	—	#9—8,000.00	—
m) Highway Department—Radio, Ent.9	700.00	—	—	—	#9— 700.00	—
n) Schools—Energy Saver—Memorial School,						
Ent. 6	749.00	—	—	—	#6— 749.00	—
o) Schools—Self—contained valves—Cold						
Spring, Ent.7	1,250.00	—	—	—	#7—1,250.00	—
p) Schools—Air Low Limits—High School,						
Ent.9	2,800.00	—	—	—	#9—2,800.00	—
q) Schools—Insulation—High School, Ent.9	1,800.00	—	—	—	#9—1,800.00	—
1. Unemployment Compensation Account	17,000.00	—	17,000.00	—	—	—
2. None	—	—	—	—	—	—
3. None	—	—	—	—	—	—
4. None	—	—	—	—	—	—
5. None	—	—	—	—	—	—
6. None	—	—	—	—	—	—
7. None	—	—	—	—	—	—
8. None	—	—	—	—	—	—

29. None	3,353,995.67	3,129,435.12	47,500.00	21,333.55	98,919.00	56,808.00
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Attest: Carl J. Peterson, Jr.
Town Clerk

Town Election, April 10, 1978

*Denotes elected

Name	Prec. A	Prec. B	Totals
Moderator—1 year			
*Joseph R. White	844	108	952
Blanks	133	14	147
	977	122	1099
Town Clerk—1 year			
Carl J. Peterson, Jr.	878	110	988
Blanks	99	12	111
	977	122	1099
Selectmen—3 years			
Lloyd C. Chadbourne, Jr.	167	16	183
*Raymond G. Peetz, Jr.	356	32	388
William H. Squires, Jr.	293	48	341
Owens W. Taylor	133	18	151
Pauline C. Johnson	1	0	1
Blanks	27	8	35
	977	122	1099
School Committee—3 years			
*Dorothy A. Rhodes	498	82	580
*George A. Smith, Jr.	501	63	564
George R. Harrell	352	17	369
Richard E. Lambert	182	39	221
Roy A. Voci	128	10	138
Blanks	293	33	326
	1954	244	2198
Planning Board—5 years			
*William M. Cary, Jr.	734	87	821
Blanks	243	35	278
	977	122	1099
Cemetery Commissioner—3 years			
Douglas K. Magee	301	49	350
*Floyd R. Peeso	598	65	663
Kenneth N. Hale	1	0	1
Elinor H. Plant	1	0	1
Blanks	76	8	84
	977	122	1099

Board of Assessors—3 years

*Samuel J. Joyal	836	100	936
Blanks	141	22	163
	977	122	1099

Housing Authority—5 years

*Thomas C. Kubacki	781	106	887
Blanks	196	16	212
	977	122	1099

Tree Warden—1 year

*Albert W. Brown	855	114	969
Blanks	122	8	130
	977	122	1099

Sewer Commissioner—3 years

*Ronald E. Blaine	809	100	909
Blanks	168	22	190
	977	122	1099

Board of Health—3 years

*James A. Bonafini, Sr.	802	102	904
Blanks	175	20	195
	977	122	1099

Pathfinder School Committee—3 years

*David A. Staples	817	106	923
Blanks	160	16	176
	977	122	1099

Votes cast on April 10,
1978

977	122	1099
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Registered voters at Belchertown:

Republican	503	37	540
Democrat	916	140	1056
American	1	0	1
Independent	1467	207	1674
	2887	384	3271

A true copy, attest: Carl J. Peterson, Jr., Town Clerk

Action taken at the Special Town Meeting held June 12, 1978

Moderator—Harold W. Willey

Registered voters present—97 (Quorum required—25)

The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by the Town Clerk, Carl J. Peterson, Jr., in the absence of Joseph R. White, Town Moderator. The Clerk conducted the business of electing a moderator for the meeting. Harold W. Willey was the only nominee and he was unanimously elected. Following his election, he was administered the Oath of Office by the Town Clerk, and then he assumed the duties of Moderator.

The Clerk read the Return of the Warrant.

Article I. Voted to accept the provisions of Chapter 586 of the Acts of 1977 amending Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 83, by adding Sections 16A-16F; said law authorizing the addition of unpaid sewer use charges to real estate tax bills.

Vote—Unanimous Yes

Article II. Voted to accept the provisions of Chapter 956 of the Acts of 1977 amending Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 60, by adding a new section 23A; said law authorizing a new fee schedule for the issuance of municipal lien certificates.

Vote—Unanimous Yes

Article III. Voted to appropriate from the Election & Registration Wage Account the sum of \$500.00 to the Election & Registration Expense Account.

Vote—Unanimous Yes

Article IV. Voted to appropriate from Public Law 94-488 (Federal Revenue Sharing) Entitlement Period 9 the sum of \$1,285.00 to purchase, equip, and install a radio for the Fire Department.

Vote—Unanimous Yes

Article V. Voted to amend the Town By-Laws by deleting Article 2, Section 9 in its entirety and inserting in its place the following:

"The Moderator shall conduct all Town Meetings, not specially provided by law or these By-Laws, in accordance with the rules of practice contained in ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER, as most recently amended."

Vote—Unanimous Yes

Article VI. Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to prepare and submit an application for a Community Development Block Grant to the Department of Housing and Urban Development pursuant to the Community Development Block Grant/Small Cities Program of the 1977 Housing and Community Development Act, as amended.

Vote—Unanimous Yes

Article VII. Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to spend any funding that the Town may receive from its application for a Community Development Block Grant to the Department of Housing and Urban Development pursuant to the Community Development

Block Grant/Small Cities Program of the 1977 Housing and Community Development Act, as amended.

Vote—Unanimous Yes

Article VIII. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$300.00 for card indexes (by street location) for use by the Police and Fire Departments.

Vote—Unanimous Yes

Article IX. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$1,000.00 to the Planning Board for consultant services to revise and update the Subdivision Regulations.

Vote—Unanimous Yes

Article X. On the article—To see if the Town will vote to ratify the Intermunicipal Agreement between the Towns of Belchertown and Palmer which would allow the sewage from South Belchertown to be conveyed and treated in Palmer's sewerage system, or take any action relative thereto—

it was voted to take no action on this article.

Vote—Unanimous Yes

Article XI. Voted to appropriate from the Planning Board Wage Account the sum of \$650.00 to the Planning Board Expense Account.

Vote—Unanimous Yes

Article XII. Voted to appropriate from the Highways General Expense Account the sum of \$4,000.00 to the Highways General Wage Account.

Vote—Unanimous Yes

Article XIII. Voted to appropriate from Public Law #94-488 (Federal Revenue Sharing) Entitlement Period 9 the sum of \$3,000.00 for the improvement of Underwood Street.

Vote—Unanimous Yes

Article XIV. On the article—To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Public Law #94-488 (Federal Revenue Sharing) Entitlement Period 9 a sum of money for the improvement of Barton Avenue, or take any action relative thereto—

it was voted to take no action on this article.

Vote—Majority Yes

Article XV. Voted to appropriate the sum of \$89,600.00 for the reconstruction of Route 21, Isaac's Corner, and to meet said appropriation authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow said sum under the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 6A, pending reimbursement from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts under the provisions of Section 209 of the 1973 Highway Safety Act "Projects for High Hazard Locations."

Vote—Unanimous Yes

Article XVI. On the article—To see if the Town will vote to amend the official Zoning Map by deleting from the Agricultural District a certain parcel of land located at the intersection of Bay Road and Lamson

Road, and including the same within the Business District, or take any action relative thereto—it was voted to take no action on this article.

Vote—Unanimous Yes

Article XVII. On the article—To see if the Town will vote to accept as a public way that Street or Road known as Fox Run Drive, or take any action relative thereto—

it was voted to take no action on this article

Article XVIII. Voted to amend the Zoning By-Law, as previously amended, in the following prescribed manner:

Under Section VII entitled "Administration" and under subsection A entitled "Enforcement" delete the paragraph in its entirety, and insert in its place the following:

A. ENFORCEMENT

1. The Planning Board shall be responsible for the interpretation of the intent of this By-Law.
2. The Building Inspector shall be the officer responsible for enforcing the provisions of this By-Law. The Board of Selectmen, Police Department and the Fire Department shall assist the Building Inspector in such enforcement where necessary and appropriate.
3. No building or structure shall be constructed or changed, or change of use, until a permit has been issued by the Building Inspector. No building shall be occupied until a certificate of occupancy has been issued by the Building Inspector where required.
4. The Building Inspector shall refuse to issue any permit which would result in a violation of any provision of this By-Law or in a violation of the conditions or terms of any special permit or variance granted by the Board of Appeals or its agent.
5. The Building Inspector shall issue a cease and desist order on any work in progress or on the use of any premises, either of which are in violation of the provisions of this By-Law.
6. Constructions or operations under a building or special permit shall conform to any subsequent amendment of this By-Law unless the use or construction is commenced within a period of not more than six(6) months after the issuance of the permit.
7. Any person violating any of the provisions of the By-Law shall, at the discretion of the Board of Selectmen, be fined not more than twenty (20) dollars for each offense. Each day that such violation continues shall constitute a separate offense.

Vote: Yes—49; No—11; Required for 2/3—40

A motion to amend the article—under section A. ENFORCEMENT, Subsection 1. the phrase "of the intent," by deleting the phrase entirely—did not carry by a majority vote.

Article XIX. Voted to amend the Official Zoning Map, as previously amended, in the following prescribed manner: 1.) By deleting from the Agricultural District

and General Residential District the following described land and including the same within the Multi-Family District: Two tracts or parcels of land situated in Belchertown, Hampshire County, Massachusetts, further bounded and described as follows:

PARCEL 1—A certain tract or parcel of land located on the westerly side of North Main Street, also known as Route 202, in the Town of Belchertown, County of Hampshire, and being Parcel 1 containing 12.122 acres, as shown on a plan of land entitled "Plan of Land in Belchertown, Massachusetts, prepared for Lord Jeffrey Apartments, dated May 15, 1975, Revised June 5, 1975," by Almer Huntley, Jr. & Associates, Inc., and being more particularly bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at an iron pin on the westerly side of North Main Street and at the southeasterly corner of the parcel herein described and at the northeasterly corner of land now or formerly of one Peter Galuszka; thence, N. 76°17'10" W. 181.53 feet along land now or formerly of the said Galuszka to an iron pin, thence, S. 09°04'30" W. 30 feet along land now or formerly of the said Galuszka to an iron pin at land now or formerly of Alfred C. Drew, Jr. and Marguerite E. Drew; thence, N. 89°15'00" W. 250 feet along land now or formerly of the said Drews to an iron pin; thence, S. 12°20'00" W. 345.43 feet along land now or formerly of the said Drews to an iron pin at land now or formerly of N. Harold Tucker, Jr. and Ruthella M. Tucker; thence, S. 84°39'31" W. 527.32 feet along land now or formerly of the said Tuckers to a point; thence S. 72°48'28" W. 34.88 feet along land now or formerly of the said Tuckers to an iron pin; thence, N. 13°42'50" E. 673.45 feet to an iron pin; thence N. 84°39'31" E. 300 feet to an iron pin; thence, N. 11°46'38" W. 809.93 feet to an iron pin on the southerly or southeasterly side of George Hannum Street; thence, N. 53°19'07" E. 140 feet along the southerly or southeasterly side of the said George Hannum Street to an iron pin; thence, S. 18°09'03" E. 870.07 feet along land now or formerly of Harold B. Ketchen, et al to an iron pin; thence, S. 13°42'50" W. 200 feet to an iron pin; thence, S. 76°17'10" E. 459.20 feet to an iron pin on the westerly side of said North Main Street; thence, S. 13°42'50" W. 50 feet along the westerly side of said North Main Street to the iron pin at the point of beginning.

PARCEL II—A certain tract or parcel of land located on the southerly or southeasterly side of George Hannum Street, in the Town of Belchertown, County of Hampshire, and being Parcel 2, containing 17.831 acres, as shown on a plan of land entitled "Plan of Land in Belchertown, Massachusetts, prepared for Lord Jeffrey Apartments, dated May 15, 1975, Revised June 5, 1975," by Almer Huntley, Jr. & Associates, Inc., and being more particularly bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at an iron pin at the southeasterly corner of Parcel 2 and being the southwesterly corner of Parcel 1, as shown on the said Plan, at land now or formerly of N. Harold Tucker, Jr. and Ruthella M. Tucker; thence, S. 72°48'28" W. 481.51 feet along said land now or formerly of said Tuckers to an iron pin at land now or formerly of Ruth E. Kempkes and Joseph J. Kempkes, Jr.; thence, N. 05°10'04" W. 133.54 feet along the said Kempkes land to a point at land now or formerly of Joseph S. Duda and Albina Duda; thence, N. 03°26'02" E. 91.56 feet along the said Duda land to a point; thence, N. 17°08'05" E. 626.72 feet along said Duda land to a point; thence, N. 12°37'11" E. 103.02 feet along the said Duda land to an iron pin; thence, N. 56°32'29" W. 240.51 feet along the said Duda land to an iron pin set in the southerly or southeasterly side of the said George Hannum Street; thence, N. 53°19'07" E. 939.03 feet along the southerly or southeasterly side of the said George Hannum Street to an iron pin; thence, S. 11°46'38" E. 809.93 feet along said Parcel 1 as shown on the said plan to an iron pin; thence, S. 84°39'31" W. 300 feet along the said Parcel 1 to an iron pin; thence, S. 13°42'50" W. 673.45 feet along the said Parcel 1 to the iron pin at the place of beginning.

2.) By deleting from the General Residential District and Business District the following described land and including the same within the Multi-Family District: Two certain parcels of land situated in Belchertown, in the County of Hampshire and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, bounded and described as follows:

PARCEL 1—Beginning at an iron pin on the easterly side of Federal Street at the northwesterly corner of land conveyed to Lloyd C. Chadbourne, Jr. et ux, by deed dated August 9, 1966, recorded in the Registry of Deeds for said County of Hampshire in Book 1491, Page 503, and running thence NORTH 64°29'48" EAST Three Hundred Forty and 33/100 (340.33) feet by last named land to an iron pin on the westerly side of Daniel Shays Highway; thence running NORTH 11°09'54" EAST by said Highway, One Thousand One Hundred Sixty-three and 42/100 (1163.42) feet to Old Pelham Road; thence SOUTH 43°31'43" WEST by Old Pelham Road, Two Hundred Twenty-five and 00/100 (225.00) feet; thence running SOUTH 11°09'54" WEST Eight Hundred Sixty and 20/100 (860.20) feet; thence SOUTH 64°29'48" WEST Three Hundred Twenty-one and 17/100 (321.17) feet to Federal Street; (the last two courses being along other land now or formerly of South Tannery Realty Trust); thence SOUTH 28°58'13" EAST by Federal Street, One Hundred Sixty-three and 00/100 (163.00) feet to the point of beginning.

PARCEL II—Beginning at an iron pin on the southeasterly side of Old Pelham Road at the northeasterly corner of land now or formerly of James M. Warren and running thence NORTH 43°31'43" EAST

along said road, Seven Hundred Two and 92/100 (702.92) feet to a point at other land now or formerly of Bradford R. Collins et als; thence SOUTH 11°09'54" WEST along last named land, Eight Hundred Sixty and 20/100 (860.20) feet to a point; thence SOUTH 64°29'48" WEST along last named land, Three Hundred Twenty-one and 17/100 (321.17) feet to Federal Street; thence NORTH 28°58'13" WEST along Federal Street, Two Hundred Eighteen and 51/100 (218.51) feet to said land now or formerly of said James M. Warren; thence NORTH 60°03'05" EAST along last named land Two Hundred Twenty and 19/100 (220.19) feet to an iron pin; thence NORTH 33°17'50" WEST Two Hundred Five and 26/100 (205.26) feet to the iron pin at the point of beginning.

3.) By deleting from the Agricultural District the following land and including the same within the Multi-Family District:

Beginning at the southwest corner of land now or formerly of the heirs of Frederick Bundy, the same being the northwest corner of the land herein conveyed; and running thence southerly along the easterly line of the highway leading from Amherst to Belchertown, three hundred fifty (350) feet, more or less, to an iron pipe;

Thence easterly in a straight line along land now or formerly of Dickinson, three hundred thirty (330) feet, more or less, to an iron pipe; Thence northerly along land now or formerly of said Dickinson, in a straight line, three hundred fifty (350) feet, more or less, to an iron pipe situated at the southeast corner of land now or formerly of said heirs of said Bundy; thence westerly along the southerly line of said land now or formerly of the heirs of Frederick Bundy, three hundred thirty (330) feet, more or less, to the point of beginning.

4.) By deleting from the General Residential District the following land and including the same within the Multi-Family District:

a.) Beginning at a concrete bound located at the southwesterly corner of the parcel herein described, the same being the southeasterly corner of land belonging to Gould and Charlotte P. Ketchen and said bound being on line of land of Edward P. & Eleanor S. Bartlett; thence (running N. 20°58'34" W. along said Ketchen land and land of Alice E.B. Suhm 253.76 feet to an iron pin; thence running) N. 23°43'54" W. along land of Howard W. & Margaret L. Knight 10.23 feet to a concrete bound; thence turning and running N. 78°29'27" E. along said Knight land, along Parcel #2 herein described, and again along Knight land 264.50 feet to a point; thence running along a curve to the right which has a radius of 661.50 feet and continuing along land of said Knights a distance of 194.16 feet to a concrete bound; thence running S. 84°41'30" E. and continuing along Knight land 03.55 feet to a concrete bound set in line of land of Sidney W. and Mae E. Wheeler; the last

three courses being along the southerly line of a power line easement; thence running S. 58°43'47" E. along land of said Wheelers 302.50 feet to a concrete bound; thence running N. 00°21'22" E. along said Wheeler land 81.60 feet to a concrete bound; thence running S. 72°05'26" E. along land of said Wheelers 96.50 feet to a concrete bound; thence running S. 24°55'27" E. along said Wheeler land 399.39 feet to a concrete bound; thence running S. 21°06'32" E. along land of said Wheelers 80.86 feet to a drill hole set in a stone wall at land of the Inhabitants of the Town of Belchertown; thence running N. 72°30'34" W. along said Inhabitants land 841.64 feet to an iron pin; thence running N. 71°30'40" W. along land of said Bartletts 85.45 feet to an iron pin; thence running S. 69°34'49" W. along said Bartlett land 112.23 feet to the concrete bound at the place of beginning. The above described parcel contains 7.019 acres more or less and is subject to two sanitary sewer easements in the name of the Town of Belchertown.

b.) Commencing at an iron pin set in the northwesterly side of Jabish Street, otherwise known as Enfield Road, in said Belchertown, being the southeasterly corner of the conveyed premises and the southwesterly corner of land of Harry L. Brougham, et ux, as shown on a plan entitled "Plan of Land in Belchertown, Massachusetts, Prepared for Rege Construction Co., Inc.", Almer Huntley, Jr. & Associates, Inc. dated February 4, 1972, recorded in Hampshire Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 82, Page 27; thence southwesterly along the northwesterly side of said Jabish Street, in a curve to the left having a radius of 484.06 feet, a distance of 100.28 feet to an iron pin, being the southeasterly corner of land of Alfred J. and Sophia Dugre; thence, N. 44°51'49" W. along land of said Dugre, 130 feet to an iron pin in a stonewall; thence S. 77°03'46" W. along land of said Dugre, 183.43 feet to a point set in another stonewall at land now or formerly of Raymond S. Johnston; thence N. 14°31'22" W. along land now or formerly of said Johnston and land now or formerly of Dorothy R. Blackmer, 307.20 feet to a point; thence continuing along land now or formerly of said Blackmer, N. 12°16'31" W., 64.22 feet to a point set in another stonewall; thence N. 88°02'54" W. along land now or formerly of said Blackmer and said other stonewall, 8.60 feet to a point; thence, N. 15°49'40" W. along land now or formerly of said Blackmer and a wire fence, 418 feet to an iron pin set in a stonewall; thence N. 83°05'38" E. along land now or formerly of said Blackmer, 363.72 feet to an iron pin set in another stonewall; thence S. 12°15'00" E. along land of Harry L. Brougham et ux., 458.53 feet to an iron pin; thence S. 27°56'52" E. along land of said Harry L. Brougham et ux., 55.16 feet to an iron pin at another stonewall; thence S. 15°05'00" E. along land of Harry L. Brougham et ux., 314.36 feet to an iron pin set in the

northwesterly side of said Jabish Street at the point of beginning, containing 6.356 acres, more or less, and being the same premises conveyed by deed of Harry L. Brougham et ux., to Rege Construction Co., Inc., dated May 23, 1972, and recorded in Hampshire Registry of Deeds, Book 1635, Page 241, to which deed and the plan above mentioned, reference may be had for a more particular description.

Vote: Yes—43; No—2; Required for 2/3—30

Article XX. Voted to amend the Zoning By-Law, as previously amended, in the following prescribed manner:

Under Section IV-A1 add a new subsection "f."; and Under Section IV-AA1 add a new subsection "C."; and Under Section IV—D1 add a new subsection "C."; all of which shall read as follows:

"Agricultural, horticultural and floricultural uses on parcels of land more than five acres in area."

Vote: Yes—46; No—2; Required for 2/3—32

Article XXI. Voted to amend the Zoning By-Law, as previously amended, in the following prescribed manner:

Under Section IV-A2 add a new subsection "f."; and Under Section IV-AA2 add a new subsection "b."; and Under Section IV-B2 add a new subsection "i."; and Under Section IV-D2 add a new subsection "c."; all of which shall read as follows:

"Accessory uses or activities which are necessary in connection with scientific research, scientific development, or related production activities permitted as a matter of right."

Vote: Yes—46; No—2; Required for 2/3—32.

Article XXII. Voted to amend the Zoning By-Law, as previously amended, in the following prescribed manner:

Under Section VII entitled "Administration" and under subsection B2 entitled "Board of Appeals/Special Permits" add the following subsections:

"a) All Special Permits shall lapse within two (2) years from the date the permit was granted, unless substantial use or construction has commenced.

b) Special Permits shall only be issued following a public hearing held in accordance with Chapter 40A, Sections 9 & 11 of the Massachusetts General Laws."

Vote: Yes—47; No—0; Unanimous

Article XXIII. Voted to amend the Zoning By-Law as previously amended, in the following prescribed manner:

Under Section VII entitled "Administration" and under subsection B entitled "Board of Appeals" delete the words "2 associate members" and insert in its place the following: "3 associate members" AND Under Section VII-B after the phrase "prescribed in Chapter 40A of the General Laws." add the following sentence: "The Board Of Appeals shall be the Special Permit Granting Authority."

Vote: Yes—46; No—0; Unanimous

Article XXIV. Voted to amend the Zoning By-Law, as previously amended, in the following prescribed manner:

Under Section IV entitled "Use Regulations" and under subsection E entitled "Prohibited Uses" delete subsection IV-E1 in its entirety.

Vote: Yes—44; No—0; Unanimous

Article XXV. Voted to amend the Zoning By-Law, as previously amended, in the following prescribed manner:

By adding a new Section at the end of the Zoning By-Law as follows:

SECTION VIII. Zoning Map for the Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts."

Vote: Yes—57; No—0; Unanimous

Article XXVI. Voted to amend the Zoning By-Law, as previously amended, in the following prescribed manner:

Under Section VI entitled "General Regulations" and under subsection D entitled "Temporary Shelters" delete the words "That if the Board of Selectmen grant such permission it shall not exceed six (6) months from the date of the permit. Application may be made to the Board of Selectmen for an extension of said six (6) month permit by an individual originally granted a permit for a period not to exceed six (6) months." and insert in its place the following:

"That if the Board of Selectmen grant such permission it shall not exceed twelve (12) months from the date of the permit."

Vote: Yes—62; No—0; Unanimous

Article XXVII. Voted to accept the provisions of Chapter 808 of the Acts of 1975 entitled THE ZONING ACT.

Vote: Yes—55; No—0; Unanimous

Article XXVIII. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$12,500.00 to construct a soft ball diamond on Town owned land on George Hanum Road.

Show of hands vote: Yes—51; No—10; Majority Yes Voted to dissolve this meeting at 10:08 p.m. with a vote of thanks to the Moderator.

Attest: Carl J. Peterson, Jr.

Town Clerk

Action taken at the Special Town Meeting held August 28, 1978

Moderator—Joseph R. White

Registered voters present—165 (Quorum required —25)

Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m.

The Clerk read the Return of the Warrant.

(The meeting was recessed by the Moderator for 12 minutes to allow the Registrars to check the voters waiting to enter the Hall.)

Article I. Nominated and elected Mary M. Locke as Trustee of the Calvin Bridgman Fund for three (3) years.

Vote—Unanimous Yes

Article II. Voted to rescind the action taken under Article II of the Special Town Meeting of June 12, 1978, accepting the provisions of Chapter 956 of the Acts of 1977 amending Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 60, by adding a new section 23A.

Vote—Unanimous Yes

Article III. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 to the Cemetery Commissioners Expense Account.

Vote—Unanimous Yes

Article IV. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$900.00 to the Assessors Expense Account.

Vote—Unanimous Yes

Article V. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$75,000.00 to the Stabilization Fund.

Vote—Unanimous Yes

Article VI. Voted to ratify the Intermunicipal Agreement between the Towns of Belchertown and Palmer which would allow the sewage from South Belchertown to be conveyed and treated in Palmer's sewerage system.

Vote—Majority Yes

Article VII. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$379.03 to pay the following bills incurred in a prior year:

Elder Lumber Corp.	\$6.54
Belchertown Sentinel	13.63
West Publishing Company	25.00
Donald Bock	93.31
Paul's Marina	3.95
Roman Kucinski	236.60

Vote—Unanimous Yes

The Moderator, at the request of the Board of Selectmen, declared a recess to permit a discussion and expression of opinion by the voters relative to the efforts of the Board to procure land at the State School for the purposes of a Town recreation area and school site. A non-binding advisory vote was unanimous in favor of the Board continuing its efforts to try and procure this land. The discussion terminated at 8:18 p.m. and the meeting was recalled to order.

Article VIII. Voted to amend the official Zoning Map by deleting from the Agricultural District the following described land and including the same within the Business District:

Beginning at an iron pin in the westerly side of the 1970 Alteration and Relocation of Bay Road, said pin located approximately 300 feet north of the northwesterly intersection of aforementioned Bay Road and Lamson Road, thence; S 81°07'16" W 239.91 feet along other land of Kenneth H. & Linda H. Snow to a point, thence;

S 76°23'10" W 259.86 feet along land of K.H. & L.H. Snow to an iron pin, thence N18°02'15" W 208.91 feet also along other land of K.H. & L.H. Snow to an iron pin, thence; N 0°29'05" W 360.00 feet along land now or formerly of Howard Atkins to an iron pin, thence N 89°44'58" E 449.05 feet along other land of K.H. & L.H. Snow to an iron pin in the westerly side line of the 1970 Altercation and Relocation of Bay Road, thence; S 14°35'40" E 402.71 feet along the westerly side line of Bay Road to a point, thence; S 5°20'56" E 73.00 feet also along said westerly side line of Bay Road to the point of beginning. Contains 5.86 acres more or less.

Vote: Yes—125; No—9; Required for 2/3—89
The discussion on this article was terminated by a motion to move the question. The vote was 111 to 19.

Article IX. (The Moderator read the Warrant article and then stated that due to the possibility that it might be construed that he was in conflict of interest, he then asked the meeting if there was any objection to the appointment of Harold Willey as Moderator pro-tem. No objections forthcoming, Harold Willey was sworn in by the Town Clerk as Moderator pro-tem for this article.) Voted to amend the Official Zoning Map by deleting from the Agricultural District and General Residential District the following described land and including the same within the Business District:

A certain parcel of land known and designated as Parcel No. 1 as shown on a plan entitled "Plan Showing Property of Andrew G. and Priscilla M. Ketchen to be conveyed to Harold B. and Frances G. Ketchen, Belchertown, Mass.," dated September 12, 1961, by Harold E. Mellin, Registered Land Surveyor, said plan being recorded with Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 61, Page 95, and said parcel being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a Massachusetts Highway Bound on the westerly side. line of Federal Street, said bound being located thirty-seven and 50/100 (37.50) feet southwesterly of STA 293 + 83.03 as shown on said plan, thence running N. 28°36'00" W., three hundred thirty-five and no/100 (335.00) feet along the westerly sideline of Federal Street to an iron pin; thence turning and running S. 52°15'20" W., three hundred and no/100 (300.00) feet along land now or formerly of Harry Goldstein and Walter Baker to an iron pin; thence turning and running N. 28°36'00" W., two hundred and no/100 (200.00) feet along last-named land to an iron pin; thence turning and running S. 52°15'20" W., one hundred eighty-six and 15/100 (186.15) feet along the southerly sideline of George Hannum Street to an iron pin; thence turning and running S. 16°15'25" E., eight hundred seventy-two and 10/100 (872.10) feet along land now or formerly of Andrew G. Ketchen and Priscilla M. Ketchen to an iron pin; thence turning and running S. 13°42'50" W., two hundred and no/100 (200.00) feet along last-named land to an iron pin;

thence turning and running S. 76°17'10" E., four hundred fifty-nine and 20/100 (459.20) feet along last-named to an iron pin; thence turning and running N. 13°42'50" E. two hundred and no/100 (200.00) feet along westerly sideline of North Main Street to a Massachusetts Highway Bound, said bound being located thirty and no/100 (30.00) feet westerly of STA 301 + 98.65; thence turning and running N. 76°17'10" W., two hundred fifteen and no/100 (215.00) feet along land now or formerly of Chauncey D. Walker Post 239 Inc., A.L. to an iron pin; thence turning and running N. 05°03'07" E., seventy-five and 85/100 (75.85) feet along last-named land to an iron pin; thence turning and running N. 76°17'10" W. twenty-three and 60/100 (23.60) feet along other land now or formerly of Harold B. and Frances G. Ketchen to an iron pin; thence turning and running N. 4°43'10" W. five hundred twenty-six and 84/100 (526.84) feet along last-named land to an iron pin; thence turning and running N. 61°51'25" E., two hundred and no/100 (200.00) feet along last-named land to a Massachusetts Highway Bound, the point of beginning.

Excepting and excluding therefrom a certain parcel of land containing 43,600 square feet of land, said parcel being shown on a plan entitled "Plan of Land in Belchertown Owned by Ketchen Realty Trust To Be Conveyed" dated November 5, 1975, by Cold Spring Associates, Inc., said plan being recorded with Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 98, Page 24, said parcel being more particularly bounded and described as follows:

EASTERLY: By North Main Street, two hundred and no/100 (200.00) feet;

SOUTHERLY: by land now or formerly of M., N.M. Berezin & G.P. Doherty, two hundred eighteen and no/100 (218.00) feet;

WESTERLY: by land now or formerly of Ketchen Realty Trust, two hundred and no/100 (200.00) feet; and

NORTHERLY: by last-named land and by land now or formerly of C.D. Walker Post 239, Inc., American Legion, two hundred eighteen and no/100 (218.00) feet. Containing 43,600 square feet of land.

Vote: Yes—142; No—8; Required for 2/3—100

(The discussion on this article was terminated by a motion to move the question. The vote was majority yes.) (Joseph R. White resumed his position as Moderator for the balance of the meeting.)

Article X. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000.00 to the Cemetery Commissioners for the construction of a cemetery vault.

Vote—Unanimous Yes

Article XI. Voted to appropriate from Public Law#94-369 (Public Works Act Title II) the sum of \$1,299.38 to the Building Inspector/Zoning Enforcement Officer Wage Account.

Vote—Unanimous Yes

Article XII. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,491.00 to the Police Department-Chief's Salary Account.

Vote—Unanimous Yes

Article XIII. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,894.00 to the Police Department-Full Time Wage Account.

Vote—Unanimous Yes

Article XIV. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$11,644.00 to the Police Department-Part Time Wage Account.

Vote—Unanimous Yes

Article XV. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,990.00 to the Police Department Expense Account.

Vote—Unanimous Yes

Article XVI. On the Article—To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to make a betterment assessment against the owners abutting the following named roadway located within the Town in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 80 as amended:

Barton Avenue

or take any other action relative thereto, it was voted to take no action on this article.

Voted to dissolve this meeting at 9:55 p.m.

Attest: Carl J. Peterson, Jr.
Town Clerk

Name	State Primary		Sept
	Prec. A	Prec. B	Total
Senator in Congress			
Kathleen Sullivan Alioto	72	15	87
Paul Guzzi	91	22	113
Elaine Noble	47	3	50
Howard Phillips	12	9	21
Paul E. Tsongas	169	20	189
Blanks	15	6	21
Total	406	75	481
Governor			
Michael S. Dukakis	155	33	188
Barbara Ackermann	64	4	68
Edward J. King	176	36	212
Blanks	11	2	13
Total	406	75	481
Lieutenant Governor			
Thomas P. O'Neill III	307	65	372
Blanks	99	10	109
Total	406	75	481
Attorney General			
Francis X. Bellotti	309	58	367
Blanks	97	17	114
Total	406	75	481
Secretary			
Michael Joseph Connelly	78	17	95
David E. Crosby	22	3	25
John Fulham	20	4	24
William James Galvin, Jr.	43	12	55
James W. Hennigan, Jr.	7	3	10
Lois G. Pines	120	15	135
Anthony J. Vigliotti	61	12	73
Blanks	55	9	64
Total	406	75	481

Treasurer			
Robert Q. Crane	182	33	215
Lawrence E. Blacke	13	0	13
Paul R. Cacchiotti	17	4	21
Lawrence S. DiCara	72	16	88
Thomas D. Lopes	17	2	19
Dayce Philip Moore	34	9	43
Blanks	71	11	82
Total	406	75	481
Auditor			
Thaddeus Buczko	215	46	261
Peter G. Meade	116	23	139
Blanks	75	6	81
Total	406	75	481
Representative in Congress (First District)			
Lloyd W. Ortman (Write-in)	0	1	1
James S. Aaron (Write-in)	1	0	1
Michael S. Dukakis (Write-in)	1	0	1
John C. Topping (Write-in)	1	0	1
Peter Baltren (Write-in)	1	0	1
Paul Guzzi (Write-in)	1	0	1
Jerry E. Powell (Write-in)	1	0	1
George Hahn (Write-in)	1	0	1
Silvio Conte (Write-in)	1	0	1
Blanks	398	74	472
Total	406	75	481
Councillor (Seventh District)			
Leo J. Turo	178	37	215
Joseph P. Genduso	91	21	112
Blanks	137	17	154
Total	406	75	481

Senator in General Court (Worc.-Franklin-Hampden & Hampshire District)			
Robert D. Wetmore	287	60	347
Blanks	119	15	134
Total	406	75	481

Representative in General Court (3rd Hampshire District)			
James G. Collins	320	64	384
Blanks	86	11	97
Total	406	75	481

District Attorney (Northwestern District)			
Donal T. Dunphy	134	30	164
Salvatore A. Polito	19	5	24
W. Michael Ryan	39	8	47
Jonathan Zachary Souweine	128	25	153
Bernard J. Whalen, Jr.	73	7	80
Blanks	13	0	13
Total	406	75	481

Register of Probate and Insolvency (Hampshire County)			
Robert F. Czelusniak	156	43	199
Leon W. Malinofsky, Jr.	47	5	52
Bernard V. Tobin	125	17	142
Edward E. Watson (Write-in, sticker)	1	0	1
Blanks	77	10	87
Total	406	75	481

County Commissioner (Hampshire County)			
David B. Musante, Jr.	288	62	350
Blanks	118	13	131
Total	406	75	481

County Treasurer (Hampshire County)			
William F. O'Connor	291	63	354
Blanks	115	12	127
Total	406	75	481

Registered Democrats	805	128	933
Voted 9/19/1978	406	75	481

State Primary September 19, 1978 REPUBLICAN			
Name	Prec. A	Prec. B	Total
Senator in Congress			
Edward W. Brooke	142	4	146
Avi Nelson	88	8	96
Blanks	1	0	1
Total	231	12	243
Governor			
Francis W. Hatch, Jr.	120	4	124
Edward F. King	92	8	100
Blanks	19	0	19
Total	231	12	243
Lieutenant Governor			
William I. Cowin	117	7	124
Peter L. McDowell	84	5	89
Blanks	30	0	30
Total	231	12	243
Attorney General			
William F. Weld	175	11	186
Blanks	56	1	57
Total	231	12	243
Secretary			
John W. Sears	176	11	187
Blanks	55	1	56
Total	231	12	243

Treasurer			
Lewis S.W. Crampton	176	11	187
Blanks	55	1	56
Total	231	12	243

Auditor			
William A. Casey	174	11	185
Blanks	57	1	58
Total	231	12	243

Representative in Congress (First District)			
Silvio O. Conte	201	11	212
Blanks	30	1	31
Total	231	12	243

Councillor (Seventh District)			
David A. Shumway (Write-in)	1	0	1
Blanks	230	12	242
Total	231	12	243

Senator in General Court (Worc.-Franklin-Hampden & Hampshire District)			
(No Candidate)	0	0	0
Blanks	231	12	243
Total	231	12	243

Representative in General Court (3rd Hampshire District)			
Chandler Wm. Atkins	178	8	186
Blanks	53	4	57
Total	231	12	243

District Attorney (Northwestern District)			
John Finn	87	2	89
Thomas G. Simons	117	9	126
Blanks	27	1	28
Total	231	12	243

Register of Probate and Insolvency (Hampshire County)			
Edward E. Watson (Sticker)	51	1	52
Blanks	180	11	191
Total	231	12	243

County Commissioner (Hampshire County)			
Edward E. Watson (Sticker)	1	0	1
Blanks	230	12	242
Total	231	12	243

County Treasurer (Hampshire County)			
Pauline Johnson (Write-in)	1	0	1
Edward E. Watson (Sticker)	1	0	1
Blanks	229	12	241
Total	231	12	243

Registered Republicans	488	34	522
Voted 9/19/78	231	12	243

Name	State Primary		September 19, 1978
	Prec. A	Prec. B	Total
Senator in Congress			
(No candidate)	0	0	0
Governor			
(No candidate)	0	0	0
Lieutenant Governor			
(No candidate)	0	0	0
Attorney General			
(No candidate)	0	0	0
Secretary			
(No candidate)	0	0	0
Treasurer			
(No candidate)	0	0	0
Auditor			
(No candidate)	0	0	0
Representative in Congress			
(No candidate)	0	0	0
Councillor			
(No candidate)	0	0	0
Senator in General Court			
(No candidate)	0	0	0
Representative in General Court			
(No candidate)	0	0	0

District Attorney			
(No candidate)	0	0	0
Register of Probate and Insolvency			
(No candidate)	0	0	0
County Commissioner			
(No candidate)	0	0	0
County Treasurer			
(No candidate)	0	0	0

Registered American Par- ty			
	1	0	1
Voted 9/19/78			
	0	0	0

Registered Voters at Belchertown			
Democrat	805	128	933
Republican	488	34	522
American	1	0	1
Independent	1484	222	1706
	2778	384	3162

Attest: Carl J. Peterson, Jr., Town Clerk

State Election

November 7, 1978

Polls opened in both Precincts A & B at 8:00 A.M. and closed at 8:00 P.M.

Name	Prec. A	Prec. B	Total
Senator in Congress (Elect 1)			
Edward W. Brooke, Rep.	809	62	871
Paul E. Tsongas, Dem.	949	167	1116
Blanks	33	4	37
Totals	1791	233	2024
Governor-Lieutenant Governor (Elect 1)			
Hatch and Cowin, Rep.	1142	104	1246
King and O'Neill, Dem.	607	126	733
Blanks	42	3	45
Totals	1791	233	2024
Attorney General (Elect 1)			
Francis X. Bellotti, Dem.	1263	196	1459
William F. Weld, Rep.	464	34	498
Blanks	64	3	67
Totals	1791	233	2024
Secretary (Elect 1)			
Michael Joseph Connolly, Dem.	933	168	1101
John W. Sears, Rep.	704	56	760
(Other)	1	0	1
Blanks	153	9	162
Totals	1791	233	2024
Treasurer (Elect 1)			
Robert Q. Crane, Dem.	1016	170	1186
Lewis S.W. Crampton, Rep.	617	54	671
Blanks	158	9	167
Totals	1791	233	2024
Auditor (Elect 1)			
Thaddeus Buczko, Dem.	938	175	1113
Timothy F. O'Brien, Rep.	673	52	725
(Other)	1	0	1
Blanks	179	6	185
Totals	1791	233	2024
Representative in Congress (Elect 1)			
(First District)			
Silvio O. Conte, Rep.	1483	199	1682
(Others)	3	0	3
Blanks	305	34	339
Totals	1791	233	2024

Councillor (Elect 1)			
(Seventh District)			
Leo J. Turo, Dem.	876	160	1036
Les Harvey, Ind.	585	49	634
Blanks	330	24	354
Totals	1791	233	2024
Senator in General Court (Elect 1)			
(Worcester, Franklin, Hampden & Hampshire District)			
Robert D. Wetmore, Dem.	1352	212	1564
Blanks	439	21	460
Totals	1791	233	2024
Representative in General Court (Elect 1)			
(Third Hampshire District)			
James G. Collins, Dem.	1177	190	1367
Chandler Wm. Atkins, Rep.	538	34	572
Blanks	76	9	85
Totals	1791	233	2024
District Attorney (Elect 1)			
(Northwestern District)			
Thomas G. Simons, Rep.	770	53	823
Jonathan Zachary Souweine, Dem.	935	169	1104
Blanks	86	11	97
Totals	1791	233	2024
Register of Probate and Insolvency (Elect 1)			
(Hampshire County)			
Robert F. Czelusniak, Dem.	990	181	1171
Donald D. Williston	531	38	569
Blanks	270	14	284
Totals	1791	233	2024
County Commissioner (Elect 1)			
(Hampshire County)			
David B. Musante, Jr., Dem.	1317	204	1521
Blanks	474	29	503
Totals	1791	233	2024
County Treasurer (Elect 1)			
(Hampshire County)			
William F. O'Connor, Dem.	1312	207	1519
Blanks	479	26	505
Totals	1791	233	2024
Question #1 (Amend Constitution?) (Permit legislature to establish up to four classes of property for tax purposes)			

Yes	714	89	803
No	1030	143	1173
Blanks	47	1	48
Totals	1791	233	2024

Question #2 (Amend Constitution?) (Give new governor 3 weeks after legislative session begins to submit his first budget)

Yes	1115	136	1251
No	512	73	585
Blanks	164	24	188
Totals	1791	233	2024

Question #3 (Amend Constitution?) (Information for voters requirement could be met by sending one copy to each residence)

Yes	1150	137	1287
No	485	70	555
Blanks	156	26	182
Totals	1791	233	2024

Question #4 (Amend Constitution?) (Federal census standards for residence be used in taking the state census)

Yes	1106	129	1235
No	484	72	556
Blanks	201	32	233
Totals	1791	233	2024

Question #5 (Amend Constitution?) (Local charter commission 18 months to prepare a charter)

Yes	661	72	733
No	878	129	1007
Blanks	252	32	284
Totals	1791	233	2024

Question #6 (Amend Constitution?) (Prohibit discrimination in student assignment and admittance to public schools)

Yes	1137	142	1279
No	506	65	571
Blanks	148	26	174
Totals	1791	233	2024

Question #7 (Amend Constitution?) (Different method for taxing land for recreational purposes and land which is preserved in its natural state)

Yes	1016	118	1134
No	593	77	670
Blanks	182	38	220
Totals	1791	233	2024

Question #8 (This question is non-binding) (Reduction and limitation of local property taxes)

Yes	1121	143	1264
No	360	44	404
Blanks	310	46	356
Totals	1791	233	2024

Number of ballots cast November 7, 1978 -

Precinct A	1791
Precinct B	233
Town Total	2024
(61% voted)	

Registered voters as of Nov. 7, 1978:

	Precinct A	Precinct B	Totals
Democrat	915	137	1052
Republican	520	32	552
American	2	0	2
Independent	1509	225	1734
Totals	2946	394	3340

Attest: Carl J. Peterson, Jr.
Town Clerk

Belchertown, Massachusetts GENERAL INFORMATION

Elections—2nd Monday in April
Zip Code 01007

Appropriations—1st Monday in April
Town Hall Hours: Monday-Friday 8:30-5:00

Tax Rate:	
General	\$9.90
School	19.10
	\$29.00/1000.

School Population	
Elementary	826
Jr. & Sr. High	466
	1,392

ASSESSED VALUATION

1977	
Real Estate	\$65,231,100.00
Personal Property	2,482,270.00
	\$67,713,370.00

1978	
Real Estate	\$70,197,780.00
Personal Property	2,649,645.00
	\$72,847,425.00

Population 1975 State Census—6,361

BELCHERTOWN FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

1929 ——— 1979

Fifty Years of Service

“To promote the best interest of the Department and its members, in the preservation and protection of property.”

This creed was agreed upon February 19, 1929, as the Belchertown Firefighters Association was created to serve Belchertown.

Although firefighting was not new to Belchertown, in 1929 a group of concerned men felt it necessary to group together to establish an association whose goal was continued improvement in the skills of firefighting.

The concept of the association was the dream of such men as Mitt Baggs, John Fairchild, and Joseph Kempkes who drafted the original By Laws of the Association. These By Laws have continued relatively unchanged for fifty years.

The association was concerned about the protection of property and people in Belchertown and continued to improve the skills of the members and to obtain modern equipment to supplement these skills. As the association wanted to keep as much of the costs out of the Town's budget, money became important. To purchase some of this equipment the association started fund raisers which soon became part of the Town's history. The Fireman's Ball, carnivals, roast beef suppers and raffles were held through the years to purchase equipment. The first fund raiser was a Fireman's Ball in 1929 with the association realizing a profit of \$103.15. Some of the early equipment consisted of hose, boots, air masks, and clothing for firefighting.

Early equipment often symbolized the hazards of fire fighting in that era. In 1933 the association purchased a pair of goggles to be worn by the driver of the fire engine. With the open cabs in these early engines, the driver suffered the ill effects of the wind and severe weather while driving to a fire.

Equipment continued to improve as did the skills of the members. Through constant drills the association members gained in knowledge of the equipment and the techniques needed for effective fire fighting. The association soon was requested to compete at various firemen's musters throughout the state. With the competitions came prizes and awards, but more importantly, the men of the association gained a strengthening of skills and a pride in the efforts of accomplishment. Though the association does not muster today, that same pride that drives them to continue to improve their firefighting techniques has been maintained.

Looking back on fifty years of service, the association can be proud of the seven modern vehicles in service, to which the members of the association have contributed many man hours and thousands of dollars to help update and equip. They can look back with pride at the Fire Station, into which thousands of man hours have been poured to keep the department the best that Belchertown can have.

To keep alive the spirit of our history, the members have restored two antique pieces of apparatus originally used in Town. During these 50 years, the Town has changed, equipment has changed, the hazards of fire fighting have changed but the constant factor has been the spirit of volunteerism that seems to drive the men to strive for excellence. With a normal compliment of 30 men, it is amazing that only 115 men have served on the department in 50 years.

From leather helmets, goggles, and gas masks of yesteryear to steel helmets, air support systems and modern apparatus of today, the spirit and dedication of the Belchertown Firefighters Association has continued undiminished for fifty years and will continue into the years ahead.



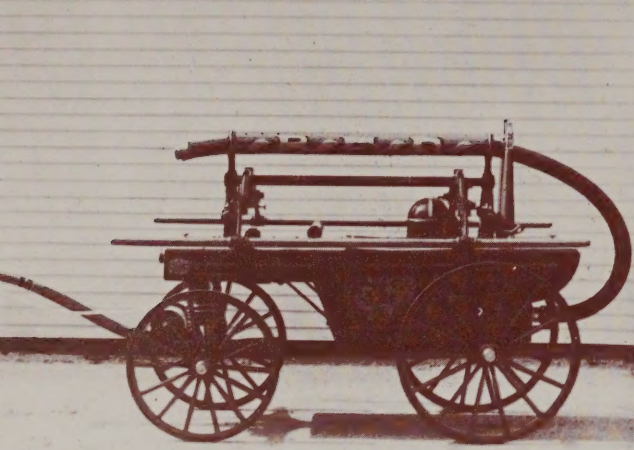
BFD Auxilliary:

Back Row:	David Gates, David Gay, Brian Brougham
Front Row:	Michael Brougham, Mark Jackson, James Hodgen



BFD Junior Volunteers:

Back Row:	Jeff Hubbard, Scott Hodge, Chris Hubbard
Middle Row:	Edward Fuller, Edward Bock, Robert Hodgen, Paul Bock
Front Row:	Todd Hubbard, Walter Newth, Brian Hubbard, Randy Hodge, Kevin Fuller
Absent:	Edward Knight



FIFTY
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OF
SERVICE

1929



1979

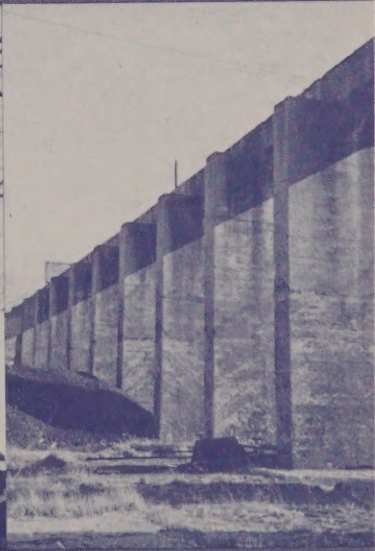


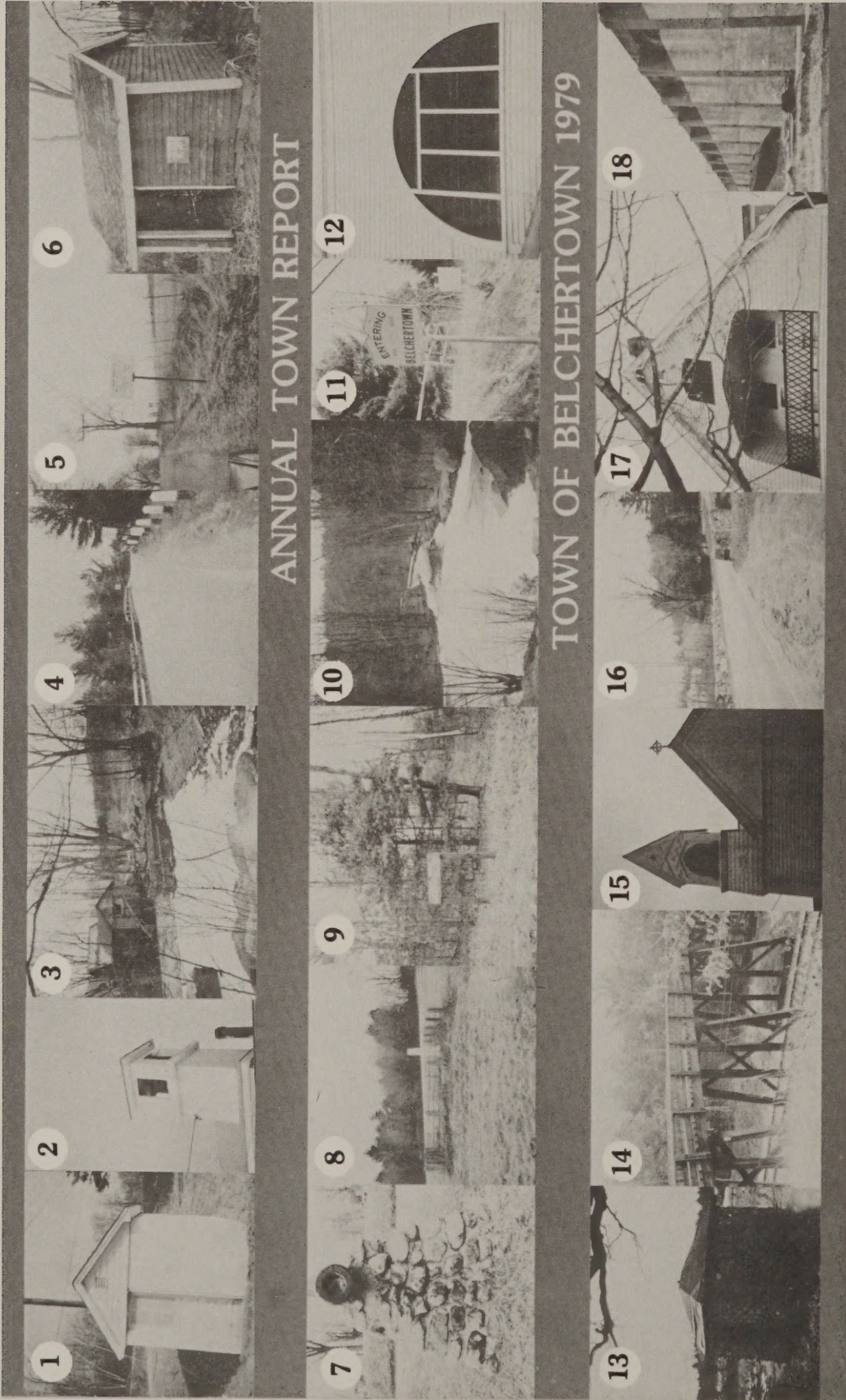


ANNUAL TOWN REPORT



TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN 1979





FRONT COVER IDENTIFIER

1. Meter House — Jackson Street.
2. Fire Siren Tower — Fire Station, North Main Street.
3. Pratt's Lumber Mill — Off Route 202, Daniel Shays Highway.
4. Dry Bridge — Route 181.
5. Site of the Original Cold Spring — Cold Spring Road.
6. Oliver's House — Corner of West and North Washington Streets.

7. Cannon — On the Common, Center of Town.

8. Cemetery on Bernadette Bowler's property, corner of South and South Liberty Streets.

9. Jabish Brook Conservation Area — Off Route 202.

10. Skeeterville Swimming Hole — Bardwell Street.

11. Entering Belchertown from Pelham — Route 9.

12. Dwight Chapel Window — Dwight Station Chapel off Route 9.

13. Old Fournier Property — Bay Road.

14. Dry Bridge — Wilson Road.

15. Dwight Chapel — Route 9.

16. Springfield Water District Canal — Three Rivers Road.

17. Old Congregational Church Parsonage — Now a private home located on Park Street.

18. Railroad Trestle — Belchertown State School, just off Jackson Street.

Dedication

The Board of Selectmen dedicate the 1979 Annual Town Report to four outstanding citizens of our community who have passed away during the past year.



Mary Rose (McKillop) Avery

Mary was born in Belchertown February 4, 1928. She attended Belchertown schools and received her BA and MDA from the University of Massachusetts.

She was a teacher and demonstrator in the Belchertown School System from 1960 to 1977. She pioneered remedial reading and was the town's first special education director.

She was an active member of St. Francis Church, secretary of the Belchertown Democratic Town Committee and a member of the Board of Directors of the Belchertown Council on Aging.

She will be dearly missed by her family, friends and associates.



Harold E. Mellin

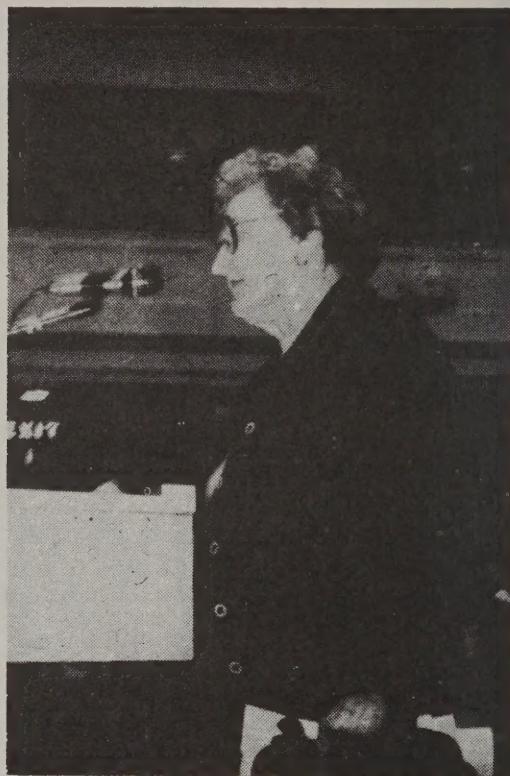
One cannot help but recognize the time and effort that Harry Mellin dedicated to our community. He came to Belchertown in 1957 as the Assistant Superintendent at the Metropolitan District Commission. Through his efforts, the cooperation between our community and M.D.C. was excellent and we had many projects together. Harry served our town in various capacities with his first preference being the Belchertown School Committee on which he served for many years. Harry was extremely interested in education and in young people and spent many hours working with them and encouraging them. His services will be greatly missed by all of us in the community as we could always call on Harry to rise to the occasion when there was work to be done.



Roberta Chevalier

Not all of the residents in the town could tell you who Roberta Chevalier was but only a few of them didn't know Bobbie. Bobbie Chevalier was one of those quiet, beautiful people who touched the lives of so many by her gentle kindness and extraordinary generosity. She was especially generous with herself. She had time for everybody when they needed her: time to bake a cake, time to crochet first prizes for a community raffle, time to make pies, porholders, centerpieces, tablecloths, ceramics, bouquets, and pretty nearly everything else you could think of. Bobbie always had a kind word for everyone. It didn't matter how tired she might be, she simply didn't know how to say no. She will be missed by us all in many, many ways. I shall especially miss her voice, always soft and pleasing. I just can't imagine what it will be like not to hear it anymore.

Betty Plant



Alma Lindquist

Mrs. Alma Snow Lindquist came to the town 37 years ago and was involved in many Belchertown Activities until her sudden death on January 11.

She worked as a teller at the Lufrow Savings Bank and as librarian at the Clapp Memorial Library. As a member of the Republican Town Committee, she always had a smile of good will as the votes placed their ballot in the box. She was a former member of the Mount Vernon Chapter O.E.S. and always a very active member of the Congregational Church, where she served as President of the Women's Guild and on various committees throughout the years. At the time of her death, she was the President of the Belchertown Garden Club.

Alma will long be remembered for her warmth, her unusually direct approach to life, her enthusiasm and efficiency in whatever task she undertook. Belchertown has lost a dear and devoted friend. We shall miss her deeply.

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Town Officers

Elected Officers

Name	Office	Term Expires
Joseph R. White	Moderator	1980
Carl J. Peterson, Jr.	Town Clerk	4/1979
George R. Bach		1980
Kenneth H. Snow	Board of Selectmen	4/1979
Richard K. Cook, Sr.		1980
k		190
90Raymond G. Peetz, Jr.		19
81		
Shirley A. Dorey		1982
Gregory R. Dillard		1982
Carl J. Peterson, Jr.	Treasurer	4/1979
George R. Bach		1982
Carl J. Peterson, Jr. (resigned	Tax & Town Collector	4/1979)
George R. Bach		1980
Martha J. Barrett	School Committee	1980
Dorothy A. Rhodes		1981
George A. Smith, Jr.		1981
Sharon L. Chapman		1982
William M. Russell		1982
Donald S. Cole	Planning Board	1980
Bruno B. Land (resigned 10/1/79)		1981
Helen L. Gibson (elected 11/27/79)		1980
W. Daniel Fitzpatrick		1982
William M. Cary, Jr.		1983
Stephen S. Lanphear		1984
Daniel W. MacPhee	Cemetery Commissioners	1980
Floyd R. Peeso		1981
Paul C. Cook		1982
Walter L. Papp	Board of Assessors	4/1979
Edward O. Lofland		1980
Samuel J. Joyal		1981
David A. Staples		1982
Edmund F. Wallace	Housing Authority	1980
Arlan V. Skinner		1981
Kenneth W. Thayer		1982
Thomas C. Kubacki		1983
Sophia M. Pero		1984
Albert W. Brown	Tree Warden	1982

Sewer Commissioners

Alfred P. Atwood	1980
Ronald E. Blaine	1981
Harry L. Brougham	1982

Board of Health

Linda H. Snow	1980
James A. Bonafini, Sr.	1981
Francis A. Dudek	1982

Trustees, Calvin Bridgman Fund

Rachel G. Shumway	1980
Mary M. Locke	1981
Kenneth H. Snow	1982

Almoners-Whiting Street &

Susan M.D. Bridgman Funds

Virginia M. Hislop	1980
Janet L. Wood	1980

Pathfinder Regional Vocational

Technical High School District

Committee Member

David A. Staples (resigned 5/15/79)	1981
George R. Harrell (elected 5/22/79)	1980

Appointed Officers

Town Accountant

Eleanor W. Moriarty	6/30/81
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Assistant Town Accountant

Katherine C. Lofland	6/30/80
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Assistant Town Clerk

Carol E. Hubbard	6/30/80
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Assistant Town Treasurer

Margaret S. Kirby	4/80
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Deputy Collectors

Carol E. Hubbard (office)	12/80
Margaret S. Kirby (office)	12/80
Norman C. Jeffrey	12/80

Finance Committee

Phyllis A. Foster	6/30/80
Judith A. King	6/30/80
George B. Jackson	6/30/81
Neil S. McCann	6/30/81
David S. Fredenburgh	6/30/82

Town Counsel

Stephen B. Monsein, Attorney	6/30/80
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Chief of Police

Ernest M. Gay, Sr.	6/30/82
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Constable

Ernest M. Gay, Sr.	6/30/80
Robert A. Knight	6/30/80

Sergeant

Robert A. Knight	6/30/80
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Forest Fire Warden	
Raymond R. Menard	6/30/80
Fire Chief	
Raymond R. Menard	6/30/80
Highway Superintendent	
Harry A. Dodge	6/30/80
Inspector of Buildings	
Elbert C. Ulshoeffer, Jr.	6/30/80
Assistant Fire Chief	
Donald F. Bock	6/30/80
Assiatant INspector of Buildings	
Marcel F. Archambault	6/30/80
Wiring Inspector	
Robert J. Henrichon(resigned 12/1/79)	6/30/80
Assistant Wiring Inspector	
Edward S. Czech	6/30/80
Dog Officer	
Robert W. Chevalier	6/30/80
Assiatant Dog Officer	
Terry R. Chevalier	6/30/80
Nancy B. Chevalier	6/30/80
Gas Inspector	
Richard O. Kimball, Sr.	6/30/80
Assistant Assessor	
Elbert C. Ulshoeffer, Jr.	1/1/80
Pauline C. Johnson	5/1/80
Supt. of Insect Pest Control	
Albert W. Brown	6/30/80
Veterans Services Agent	
Earl F. Henrichon	6/30/80
Sealer of Weights & Measures	
Kenneth L. Gay	6/30/80
Zoning Enforcement Officer	
Elbert C. Ulshoeffer, Jr.	6/30/80
Veterans Graves Officer	
Joseph A. LeDuc	6/30/80
Registrars of Voters	
Ethel H. Hawkins	6/30/80
Lillian C. Austin	3/31/81
M. Rose Sorrell	6/30/82
Election Officers	
Precinct A	
Roberta E. Chevalier (Warden)	
(Deceased)	6/30/80
William Barnett, (Warden)	
(appt. 11/13/79)	6/30/80
Alice M. Burke (Clerk)	6/30/80
Precinct B	
Mary C. Dudek (Warden)	6/30/80
Julia A. Pietryka (Clerk)	6/30/80
Board of Appeals	
Donald R. Laporte	6/30/79
William D. McCarthy	6/30/80
Robert B. MacPherson	6/30/81

Paul F. Downing	6/30/82
Civil Defense Director	
Thomas P. Blomstrom	6/30/80
Radio Officer	
Robert H. Phoenix	
(moved from Town)	6/30/79
Lawrence A. Smith	
(appt. 3/19/79)	6/30/80
Richard Syriac	
(appt. 4/30/79)	6/30/80
Civil Defense Radio Operator	
Lawrence A. Smith	6/30/80
Recreation Director	
Arthur E. Knapp, Jr.	6/30/80
Parks, Beach & Recreation	
Suzanne Reece	6/30/80
Michael P. Forgue	6/30/81
Allen A. Forsythe	6/30/81
June D. Smith	6/30/79
Roy A. Voci	
(appt. #7/23/79)	6/30/82
Patricia Burton	6/30/82
War Memorial Committee	
Alice Samborski	6/30/80
Carl J. Peterson, Jr.	6/30/80
Robert W. Chevalier	6/30/81
Edward O. Lofland	6/30/82
Food Stamp Representative	
Louise C. Wadsworth	
Rationing Board	
Wilfred N. Ridenour	6/30/80
Wilfred T. Weston	6/30/82
Arthur J. Moriarty	6/31/81
Public Weighers	
Rey Augustine	6/30/79
Howard R. Beaulieu	6/30/79
Paul Denner	6/30/79
Stanford J. Harrington	6/30/80
Joseph W. Tolpa, Jr.	6/30/80
Joseph W. Tolpa, Sr.	6/30/80
Personnel Board	
Howard Atkins	6/30/80
George D. Greule	6/30/81
JoAnne M. Gavin	6/30/82
Development & Industrial Committee	
Peter G. Burton	6/30/80
Gregory R. Dillard	
(resigned 4/12/79)	6/30/80
Owens Taylor	
(resigned 7/2/79)	6/30/81
Mary McCollom	6/30/81
Louis P. Zimmerman	6/30/81
Michael J. Geser	6/30/82
Edward H. Parker	6/30/82
Conservation Committee	
John R. Besse, Jr.	6/30/79
Gary Taylor	6/30/79

Patricia Guild (resigned 7/1/79)	6/30/80	Mary E. Clauss	6/30/81
Lyle Hislop (appt. 8/6/79)	6/30/80	Arlena MacPherson	6/30/81
Charles Howard (resigned #/1/79)	6/30/80	Eleanor B. Nickerson	6/30/81
Alice Kuc	6/30/80	Rev. John J. Ayers	6/30/82
Robert P. Brooks	6/30/81	Roy King, Sr.	6/30/82
Louis B. LaFromboise	6/30/81	Winifred Shattuck	6/30/82
Elizabeth Mruk	6/30/82		
JoAnne L. Newman (resigned 8/5/79)	6/30/82	Jr. Sr. High School Building Committee	
Geoffrey P. Brown (appt. 9/24/79)	6/30/82	Edward H. Gates	Final Report
Francis P. Marcotte (appt. 9/24/79)	6/30/82	Otto H. McClure	Final Report
		Neil S. McCann	Final Report
Advisory Committee-Holyoke Range		Edward H. Parker	Final Report
Robert P. Brooks (resigned 7/20/79)	6/30/80	Mary S. Pratt	Final Report
Alice L. Kuc (resigned 8/10/79)	6/30/80	LeLand V. Cornell (Advisory Member)	Final Report
Walter Coombs	6/30/80		
Frank Marcotte	6/30/80	Police Candidate Review Committee	
Lower Pioneer Valley Regional Planning Commission		Judith A. King (resigned 5/21/79)	6/30/79
Bruno B. Land (resigned 10/1/79)	6/30/80	John W. Avery (appt. 5/21/79)	6/30/81
David Sussman (appt. 11/13/79) (Alternate)	6/30/80	Peter G. Burton	6/30/81
William M. Cary, Jr. (Alternate, then became regular rep. on 10/24/79)	6/30/80	Donald C. McKenney	6/30/81
Representative to Bd. of Directors of Hampshire Community Action Commission, Inc.		Ernest M. Gay (ex-officio)	6/30/80
Paul Kuc (6/11/79)	Not specified	Raymond G. Peetz, Jr. (ex-officio)	6/30/80
Lower Pioneer Valley Trans- portation Committee		SubCommittee-Softball Diamond	
Shirley A. Dorey (resigned 8/20/79)	6/30/80	Peter Galuszka	Final Report
Gregory D. Dillard (appt. 8/20/79)	6/30/80	Robert Henrichon	Final Report
Historical Commission		Arthur Scott	Final Report
Sue Bay	6/30/80	Richard M. Solomon	Final Report
Keith Bettencourt	6/30/81	William Wiegel	Final Report
Helen F. Lister	6/30/81		
Shirley A. Bock	6/30/82	Town By-Law Review Committee	
Gerald G. Tremaine	6/30/82	Shirley A. Dorey	Final Report
Council on Aging		Carl J. Peterson, Jr.	Final Report
Bradford F. Purdy	6/30/79	Edna C. Kimball	Final Report
William H. Squires, Jr.	6/30/79	Joseph R. White	Final Report
Marion Harrington (resigned 5/30/79)		Frances J. Crisafulli	Final Report
Helen Renouf	6/30/80	Community Development Block Grant Committee (Appt. 5/14/79)	
Nancy White	6/30/80	Otto McClure	Final Report
James J. Walker, Sr. (appt. 6/18/79) resigned 9/1/79)	6/30/80	Ira Shattuck	Final Report
		Angel Nieto	Final Report
		Bernice Shumway	Final Report
		Ethel Hawkins	Final Report
		Vera Bukowski	Final Report
		B'town Citizen's Planning Program Steering Committee (appt. 3/5/79)	
		Nora Austin	Will Shattuck
		William Austin	Harold Willey
		Karen McCann	Jane Kubacki
		Gould Ketchen	Eleanor Schmidt
		Frances Evans	Gregg Dillard- (resigned 4/12/79)
		Dale Cox	Hubert Greene
		JoAnne Newman	Harvey Sansoucy

Robert Kruse

Winthrop Kellogg
Philip N. Vanasse

6/30/80
6/30/80

B'town State School
Planning Committee
(appt. 5/29/79)

Special Police-School Traffic

Patricia Antonovich 6/30/79
Lillian C. Austin 6/30/80
James R. Lodge 6/30/80
Jane L. Hamel 6/30/80

All Other Specials

Ralph Goodreau (S.R.S. Club) 6/30/80
Bernard Griffin (S.R.S. Club) 6/30/80
John Pisarski (S.R.S. Club) 6/30/80
A. Preston Atwood 6/30/80
Robert W. Chevalier 6/30/80
Terry Chevalier 6/30/80
Nancy Chevalier 6/30/80
Donald Ritter (appt. 7/23/79) 6/30/80

School Building Committee

Jack Hulmes, Jr.
Patrick Kamins
Keith Bettencourt
Sharon Chapman
Linda Gay (resigned 8/14/79)
Janise Fitzpatrick
Patricia Burton
Lawrence Barrett (ex-officio)

Energy Task Force (Set up 10/3/79)

Thomas Bloomstrom 6/30/80
Wm. F. Kimball, Jr. 6/30/80
Nancy White 6/30/80
Ernest M. Gay, Sr. 6/30/80
Arlan Skinner 6/30/80
Louis Fuller 6/30/80
Virginia Ayers 6/30/80
Shirley Dorey
Gregory Dillard

liaison from Bd. of Selectmen

POLICE OFFICERS
Chief

Ernest M. Gay, Sr. 6/30/82

Full Time

Robert A. Knight 6/30/80
Ernest M. Gay, Jr. 6/30/80
Roman R. Kucinski 6/30/80
William C. Zobka 6/30/80
Kevin P. Donovan (appt. full time-7/23/79) 6/30/80
Roy Bergeron (appt. full time-7/23/79) 1/30/80

Sergeant

Robert A. Knight 6/30/80

Constable

Ernest M. Gay, Sr. 6/30/80
Robert A. Knight 6/30/80

Officers

Alfred H. Burns 6/30/79
Patricia Antonovitch 6/30/80
William D. Beatty, Jr. 6/30/80
David A. Conkey 6/30/80
Edward S. Czech (Church) 6/30/80
Stephen Czupryna 6/30/80
Paul L. DeBettencourt 6/30/80
Thomas M. Dranka 6/30/80
Irene C. Gay 6/30/80

BOARD OF HEALTH APPOINTMENTS

Clerk of Infectious Diseases

Charlotte P. Ketchen 6/30/80

Agent Sanitarian

John A. Brickett 6/30/80

Inspector of Animals

Stanley Antonovich 6/30/80

Inspector of Plumbing

John P. Brunelle 6/30/80

Special Agent at
B'town State School

Aran Kasparian, M.D. 6/30/80

Advisor to Board

Kenneth L. Collard, M.C. 6/30/80





Selectmen's Report

The Board of Selectmen concerned itself in 1979 with a great variety of issues. Many were routine but required time and attention. We had several issues during the year that were of major significance and required a lot of time and research so that they could be handled in the manner which would be in the best interests of the town and its inhabitants.

The Board continued its policy of regular meetings once a week on Monday evenings at 7:30 p.m. in the Selectmen's office in Lawrence Memorial Hall. In addition to regular meetings, dozens of special meetings and many work meetings were also held during the year. The Board of Selectmen held meetings in the north end of town at Dwight Chapel and at the south end of town in Franklin School to try and get more people involved with our town and to better inform them. We will continue to periodically hold these meetings in these locations in the hope that some of the local residents will attend and possibly come forward for participation in town government or simply to voice their opinion and interests.

This report is an attempt to highlight and call attention to some of the more important business to come before the Board of Selectmen in 1979. It is also for the purpose of bringing the citizens of Belchertown up to date on the major issues.

This year the Board welcomed their new member, Gregory Dillard and organized as follows: Chairman of the Board and liaison to the office: William G. Whitlock; Vice-Chairman and liaison to Parks, Beach,

Recreation Committee, Council on Aging and the Historical Commission: Shirley A. Dorey; Clerk and liaison to Planning Board, Industrial Development Commission, Board of Appeals, Conservation Commission and Municipal Buildings: Gregory R. R. Dillard; Liaison to Public Safety Departments: Raymond G. Peetz, Jr.; and Liaison to the Highway Department: Richard K. Cook, Sr.

The Board of Selectmen met with the various town Boards and Committees in order to have better communications between the various Boards and also to seek suggestions as to how we can improve our town government. During the year, the Board held three priorities meetings with all of the town Boards and departments so that we could receive recommendations in setting up a list of priorities and then place these priorities in their proper perspective to enable us to plan for the various recommendations. At these meetings, the following list of priorities was recorded.

Some of these priorities are already in progress as you will see in the following report.

A bill is now before the legislature for the town to acquire 43 acres of land at the Belchertown State School. This is the second time that this type of a bill has been before the legislature and hopefully in 1980 the bill will receive passage and we will have this land for the school and recreation purposes. A School Building Committee has been appointed and has met

extensively during the year to put together a package for a new school which they will bring before the voters.

The Board of Selectmen and the Sewer Commissioners have met with Belchertown State School and state officials in regard to the town takeover of the B.S.S. sewerage treatment plant but there are still many items to be ironed out before any recommendation can be made at town meeting.

A capital improvement plan has been established and placed on record with the Finance Committee for the next five year period.

During 1979 the town budgeted a substantial amount of Federal Revenue Sharing funds for the purpose of winterizing the town buildings. Storm windows have been placed on the Old Town Hall, the library and the Finnerty House. A program of insulation was started on the northern section of the high school and the classroom ceilings are being insulated. The year 1980 will see a continuation of these winterizing programs with Federal Revenue Sharing funds. We are already beginning to see a reduction in fuel consumption due to these projects.

The FmHA planning grant that was received and started in 1978 was continued through 1979 and resulted in involving many citizens from our community and initiated several changes in our Zoning By-Laws which we hope will prove to be beneficial to our community. An off-shoot of this program is the present Belchertown State School Study Committee which is researching the potential uses for the State School when the phase-out program is complete. This grant also enabled us to hire personnel to write a Recreation Master Plan in its first stages. Also from this grant, we applied for and received a \$4,000 grant from the Massachusetts Municipal Center. This grant is now in progress to study such things as town government and how to encourage citizen participation through information.

The Board of Selectmen also applied to FmHA for a grant in the amount of \$134,000 for the construction of a water line along a portion of Old Amherst Road and Warren Wright Road to be connected with the Amherst Water Department. The town received this grant and the project has been completed enabling the residents in that area whose wells had gone dry to receive municipal water from the Town of Amherst. The Town of Amherst was most cooperative with us during this project. Without this cooperation, the project would not have been possible.

Probably one of the most widely publicized items to come before the Board in recent years was the pollution of water wells in the Rita Lane area. The Board of Selectmen along with the Board of Health and the Department of Environmental Quality Engineering has worked many hours in order to resolve this problem. Several tests were taken throughout the area and as of this date, no major answers have been found. However, it was the first order of business to help the people in that area to receive adequate drinking water. In doing so, the Board applied through HUD for

an "Imminent Threat" grant of \$72,000 and again through FmHA for a \$93,500 grant to enable the residents in that area to be tied onto the Belchertown Water District.

The work on the project will go well into 1980 but in order for the project to succeed, it will take the full cooperation of the residents of the town, the Water District and all of the Boards and Committees.

The Board of Selectmen has continued to work with the CETA office in Northampton and we received funding for a group of people to work on the various town cemeteries throughout the community. We also had several other CETA employees in various departments which proved a great help for those departments.

Finally, in 1979, the dry bridge was replaced with a grade crossing at a cost of about \$650,000. The project will be completed in the spring of 1980 and should be very beneficial to the community and to the travelling public. Hopefully this will enable a major bus transportation company to come through Belchertown. This Route 181 dry bridge project has been a major concern to the Board of Selectmen for many years and uncountable hours have been spent on the project.

Work with the University of Massachusetts and the PVRTA is continuing to try and improve the bus transportation between Belchertown and Amherst. The desire for this service has steadily increased during the past two years. This is due to our increased population and of course to the mounting cost of gas. We expect the bus usage to continue to increase and it is our desire to increase this service as much as possible without adding a burdensome cost to our residents.

We have been working on a project of tying our Fire Department's communication system in with a county-wide dispatch center which is now set up in Amherst. The Fire Department set up a committee who spent many hours reviewing this project and then voted favorably to join in with this communications center. The system should prove very beneficial to the Fire Department and the community. The recommendation will be brought before the town meeting for approval.

The Selectmen spent many hours in studying the traffic pattern and the traffic problems in the center of our town. At this time, due to so many different opinions and concerns, no final decision has been made. The matter is still under study and several suggestions will be worked on in the spring.

The Selectmen have also met with the state officials to discuss the possibility of having the state takeover Route 9 from Amherst to Route 202 in exchange for the town taking over Main Street, North Main Street and Jabish Street.

This year the Board supported the movement in the state organization to join other state municipal organizations to join under one umbrella to be known as the Massachusetts Municipal Association. This movement was successful and the organization now includes Mayors and Councilmen as well as Selectmen and they are all united in their offices and legislative

bills on Beacon Hill.

The second section of Bay Road was completed this year. This enables traffic to move much more safely and easily along Bay Road from the intersection of Stebbins Street to Route 9. We have started on a project of using Federal Revenue Sharing funds for a program of resurfacing sections of Route 181 and Three Rivers Road.

The Board of Selectmen has been active this year in pushing through our Congressmen and Senators for the Federal Revenue Sharing program to be continued for another five year period. At the time of the writing of this report, the program looked very favorable. Federal Revenue Sharing has certainly been a plus for our community as this money has only been spent on capital expenditures. Many of the projects would not have been possible without this program.

The Governor's 4 percent tax cap in 1979 caused a

great deal of discussion and confusion for town meeting and was the reason for the tax bills being sent out so late. We did support the Governor in this bill with the stipulation that the bill contain an override clause in which each community could go over the 4 percent limit with a two thirds vote if they felt this was necessary. This override clause also enables us to keep some home rule as to how we spend our money.

We wish at this time to thank all of those citizens who have worked so hard during the year in allowing themselves to become involved in working with our government. We also want to thank all of the Boards and Committees and their staffs for the cooperation in trying to make our government better and our jobs easier.

This is your community so we hope that in the future more people will come forward and get involved and take part in our government.



Office of

Board of Selectmen

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Office: Court House, Northampton, Massachusetts

David B. Musante
29 Forest Glen Drive
Florence, MA

Paul R. Dineen
96 Pittroff Avenue
South Hadley, MA

Robert J. Garvey
51 Blue Hills Road
Amherst, MA

COUNTY OFFICERS

Judge of Probate & Insolvency
Hon. John Dunphy

Register of Probate & Insolvency
Frank E. Tuit II

Register of Deeds
Robert F. Czelusniak

Clerk of Courts
Salvatore A. Polito

District Attorney — Northwestern District
John M. Callahan
64 Woodbridge Terrace
South Hadley, Massachusetts

Sheriff
John F. Boyle

County Treasurer
William F. O'Connor

Town Accountant's Report

I hereby submit my annual report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1979.

Respectfully submitted,
Eleanor W. Moriarty, Town Accountant

RECEIPTS

GENERAL REVENUE

TAXES

Local	
Property	\$2,021,174.84
Tax Title Redem.	2,531.93
Farm Animal Excise	1,461.63
Lieu Taxes	98,129.72
Abatements	9,414.65
State Local Aid Fund	
School Aide	509,090.00

\$2,641,802.77

LICENSES & PERMITS

Alcoholic Beverage	5,335.00
All Other	53,551.00

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FINES & FORFEITS

Court Fines	12,540.00
Court Ordered Rest.	75.00

58,886.00

12,615.00

GRANTS & GIFTS

Federal	
Revenue Sharing	139,307.00
Community Planning	24,057.00
Sewer Construction	28,000.00
Schools	
Public Law #874	6,127.17

197,491.17

State

Transportation	55,904.00
Food Service	51,796.80
Building Assist.	23,250.00
Special Ed.	4,935.00
Title I & Public Laws	53,414.59
Other Purposes	
Council on Aging	8,708.00

Dog Officer	155.00
Sale Ambulance	851.00

14,117.05

Health & Sanitation

Sewer Rentals	\$ 21,071.77
Refuse Disposal	1,664.22
Board of Health	2,946.00

\$ 25,681.99

Highways

Chapter 765	63,124.00
Snow & Sanding	973.49
Payroll Accounts	5,575.92

69,673.41

6,571.48

Veterans' Services

Schools	
Sale of Books	236.47
Food Services	61,509.24
Fire Loss Ins.	208.00
Pay Phone	84.24
Industrial Arts	174.00
Athletics	1,124.42
Off-Duty Work	114.24

63,450.61

Unclassified

Property Damages	2,220.00
Right of Way	10.00
Pole Order	48.50

2,278.50

Cemeteries

Sale of Lots	420.00
Care of Lots	180.00
Burials	1,950.00

2,550.00

INTEREST

On Deposits	20,455.86
On Taxes	12,449.31
On Motor Vehicles	738.10
On Investments	350.00
On Trust Funds	677.11
On Revenue Sharing	10,840.90
On Title II (A.R.)	24.15

45,535.43

MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS		
Anticipation of Revenue	300,000.00	
Anticipation of		
Reimbursement	<u>125,000.00</u>	425,000.00
AGENCY, TRUST, INVESTMENT		
Licenses for State	10,822.80	
Dog Licenses	5,005.30	
Payroll Deductions		
Federal	258,161.30	
State	90,265.45	
Insurance	32,128.06	
Retirement	94,809.93	
Union Dues	2,040.90	
Schools	24,988.72	
Trust		
Other Public Trust	2,919.31	
Investment		
Investment Funds	<u>250,000.00</u>	771,141.77
REFUNDS		
General Government	47.90	
Public Safety	83.25	
Highways	4.16	
Veterans' Benefits	717.25	
Schools	703.67	
Unclassified	156.88	
Health Insurance	<u>6,982.00</u>	8,695.11
TOTAL RECEIPTS		\$5,090,914.85
Balance 7/1/78 General		449,510.75
Balance 7/1/78 F.R.S.		146,379.90
Balance 7/1/78 Title II (A.R.)		<u>1,275.23</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS & CASH ON HAND		<u>\$5,688,080.73</u>
EXPENDITURES		
GENERAL GOVERNMENT		
Moderator		\$ 25.00
Salary		
Highways — Transit	61,735.00	
Library Aid	2,385.38	
Lottery & Add'l		
Assistance	122,640.97	
Sewer Construction	2,655.00	
Highways — Ch. 497	<u>57,994.00</u>	445,418.74
County		
Dog Fund	\$3,300.00	
Gifts from Individuals		
& others		
UMass P.V.T.A.	8,730.00	
Ambulance Fund	<u>305.00</u>	
	\$ 12,335.00	
ALL OTHER GENERAL REVENUE		
Reimbursements		
Div. Empl. Security	1,386.35	
CETA Project	907.11	
CETA W.C. Insurance	<u>1,274.00</u>	3,567.46
PRIVILEGES		
Motor Vehicle Excise		272,948.00
DEPARTMENTAL		
General Government		
Selectmen	109.65	
Collector	2,087.19	
Town Clerk	4,658.52	
Insp. of Bldgs.	225.00	
Planning Board	3,430.00	
Board of Appeals	255.00	
Conservation Comm.	125.00	
Buildings	<u>265.00</u>	11,155.36
Public Safety		
Police Dept.	10,975.37	
Fire Dept.	5.00	
Dept. Natural Res.	703.00	
Insp. of Bldgs. (A.R.)	1,299.38	
Sealer of Weights	<u>128.30</u>	

Expenses:			
Supplies	9.95	5,065.00	
Selectmen		255.50	
Salaries		<u>15.00</u>	5,335.50
Expenses:			
Telephone		55.13	
Supplies		<u>70.00</u>	
Postage, Box Rent			125.13
Advertising			
Meetings, Mileage, Dues		150.00	
Home Rule		2,710.59	
Bylaw Copies		352.60	
		<u>35.00</u>	
		<u>1,922.52</u>	
			5,170.71
Town Accountant/Administrative			
Secretary Salary			
Wage			
Other Wage			
Expenses:			
Meetings, Dues, Mileage	454.90	272.85	
Office Supplies	842.57	56.42	
Maint. Agreement	267.00	405.69	
Advertising	27.20	950.00	
Ledgers Bound	116.00	28.50	
Subscriptions	<u>55.00</u>	<u>50.25</u>	
		<u>397.50</u>	
			2,161.21
Town Clerk, Collector, Treasurer			
Peterson — Salary/Wage	11,597.98	729.00	
Bach — Salary/Wage	3,142.74	<u>322.70</u>	
Asst. Treasurer — Wage			1,051.70
Asst. Clerk — Wage			
Junior Clerk — Wage			
Senior Clerk — Wage			
Treasurer Expense:			
Bonds	426.00	315.64	
Postage	1,100.00	95.00	
Office Supplies	729.44	330.06	
Travel	51.38	236.06	
Subscriptions, Dues	77.00	143.00	
Meter Rental	105.75	169.52	
Schools, Meetings	25.95	7.00	
Maint. Agreement	166.90	551.30	
Cert. Fee	65.00	134.37	
Repairs	82.25	<u>986.58</u>	
Capital	<u>59.46</u>		2,968.53
Plan. Asst./Eng. Aide/			
Grantswriter			
Salary			9,278.75

Collector Expense:	2,889.13	Professional Engineering	2,490.62
Postage	1,400.00	Consulting Fees	
Dues	45.00	Eng. Svc./Grantswriter	
Bonds	669.00	Expenses:	
Supplies	672.66	Mileage	236.28
Mileage	20.25	Office Supplies	99.06
Meetings, Schools	19.00	Postage	30.04
Maint. Agreement	232.45	School	115.00
Appraisal File, Maint.		Copies	111.50
Agreement	1,206.24	Telephone	8.78
Repairs	45.00	Advertising	52.22
	4,309.60		652.88
Town Clerk Expense:		Board of Appeals	
Telephone	549.05	Wage	422.99
Box Rent, Postage	288.82	Expenses:	
Dues	68.00	Mileage	12.04
Supplies	687.08	Advertising	99.25
Advertising	43.24	Supplies	8.19
Bonds	40.00	Postage	15.00
Meetings, Mileage	41.26		134.48
Service Agreement	137.50	Conservation Commission	
Capital (shades,		Meetings, Mileage	
calculator)	169.92	Dues	50.00
	2,024.87	4-H Conference	70.00
Assessors'		Postage	47.60
Salaries	3,200.00	Supplies	140.57
Asst. Assessor — Wage	10,335.00		308.17
Jr. Clerk — Wage	8,203.00	Council on Aging	
Maintaining Valuation — Wage	383.00	Salaries	14,333.00
Expenses:		Wage	5,862.50
Telephone	400.88		20,195.50
Postage	336.32	Expenses:	
Schooling	25.00	Rent	2,265.00
Dues, Meetings, Mileage	966.30	Telephone	890.45
Rental, Svc. Agree.	202.00	Postage	74.49
Office Supplies	1,073.59	Office Supplies	101.68
Transfers	401.25	Dues, Conf., Subscriptions	86.00
Calculator	229.00	Gas	404.63
App. File Maint. Agreement	2,194.56	Mileage	1,181.60
Books Bound	48.96	Copies	208.74
Mapping	1,680.00	Supplies	59.90
Enc. Mapping	1,400.00	Maintenance	252.64
Enc. Maint.	2,261.43		5,525.13
	11,219.29		

Maintenance/Groundskeeper			
Wage	11,083.64	Telephone	2,980.18
Expenses:		Radio Maintenance	1,922.44
Mileage	37.10	Postage	309.40
Gas	456.54	Uniforms, Appertances	3,809.45
Truck Repairs/Maint.	216.73	Office Supplies	1,531.26
Misc. Repairs/Maint.	17.92	Prisoner Food	15.66
Supplies	238.89	Photo, film, supplies	1,275.58
Tractor	64.73	Due, Meetings, Mileage	845.53
		Locks	115.45
Industrial Development Commission	1,031.91	Police Academy	75.00
Supplies	12.24	Advertising	105.29
Postage	3.75	Physicals	20.00
Subscription	10.00	Maintenance, Repairs	192.49
		Pistol Permits	110.00
	25.99		28,803.14
Historical Commission		Fire Department	
Wage	471.00	Salary	1,750.00
Expenses:		Wage	6,492.57
Copies	18.75	Expenses:	
Transportation	12.00	Telephone	1,189.28
Parking, Tolls, Mileage	76.79	Electric	712.30
Film & Developing	60.39	Postage	15.00
Postage	3.05	Heat	1,261.16
Supplies	172.61	Truck Maint.	3,077.37
Dues	15.00	Meetings, Mileage, Dues	84.00
	358.59	Mileage	321.30
Lawrence Memorial Hall		Supplies	2,361.68
Electric	998.03	Radio	521.79
Care of Grounds	281.50	Gas	928.57
Cleaning & Supplies	751.75	Repairs	427.18
Repair & Maintenance	635.29	Care of Grounds	117.00
Fire Alarm	11.54	Station Renovation	3,059.12
	2,678.11	Chimney Renovation	673.00
		S. Main St. Fire Hydrant	101.50
		Water Storage Holes	600.00
			15,450.25
Municipal Garages		Burner Inspector	
Telephone	626.50	Wage	850.00
Electric	1,668.98	Mileage	205.45
Electric — Old Garage	53.54		
Heat	2,992.94		1,055.45
Heat — Old Garage	805.49		
Equip. & Supplies	1,707.21		
Cleaner Rental	300.40		
Cylinders, tanks	192.58	Hydrant Service	
Repairs	723.56	Center	5,250.00
Care of Grounds	18.00	South	700.00
			5,950.00

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Expenses:			
Hired Equipment	1,155.00		
Materials	<u>299.00</u>		
		1,454.00	
Dutch Elm Disease			
Brown — Wage		588.00	
Hired — Wage		1,012.75	
Hired Equipment		946.50	
Tree Warden			
Brown — Wage	1,336.00		
Wage	<u>1,405.35</u>		
		2,741.35	
Expenses:			
Hired Equipment	1,315.00		
Trees	850.00		
Dues	13.00		
Meals	30.94		
Mileage	<u>12.60</u>		
		2,221.54	
HEALTH & SANITATION			
Board of Health			
Salaries	925.00		
Sanitarian Wage	650.00		
Perc. & Inspection	2,288.00		
Plumbing Inspec.	1,356.00		
Chk. Infectious Disease	150.00		
Animal Inspector	300.00		
Clinic	<u>93.25</u>		
		5,762.25	
Expenses:			
Sanitarian	390.00		
Animal Inspector	121.06		
Mental Health Assoc.	1,416.00		
VNA	7,300.00		
Pest Control	100.00		
Clinics	330.00		
Dues	9.00		
Mileage	775.73		
Office Supplies	101.25		
Postage	37.15		
Advertising	13.60		
Water Sample Testing	<u>25.00</u>		
		10,618.79	
Dues	5.00		
Gravel	3,108.28		
Street Sweeping	2,649.24		
Asphalt	847.54		
Maintenance Shed	432.00		
Signs	<u>478.57</u>		
		26,726.84	
Brushcutting			
Brown — Wage	612.00		
Wage	828.55		
Hired Equipment	<u>1,309.00</u>		
		2,749.55	
		1,131.46	
Speed Signs & Posts			
Benefits			
Holidays	4,261.68		
Vacation	5,003.68		
Personal	724.36		
Sick	5,545.81		
Funeral Leave	<u>140.88</u>		
		15,676.41	
Payroll Accounts			
Salt Shed	484.99		
Underwood Street	766.93		
Finnerty House Parking Lot	1,113.88		
CSS Parking Lot	1,112.64		
Summit St. Drainage	<u>1,995.98</u>		
		5,474.42	
Chapter 765			
Wage	9,634.08		
Police Off-Duty	<u>40.00</u>		
		9,674.08	
Hired Equipment			
Supplies	2,126.00		
Paving	4,949.80		
Gravel	25,546.76		
	<u>1,086.50</u>		
		33,709.06	
Streets			
Wage	10,586.57		
Hired Wage	<u>31.50</u>		
		10,618.07	
Expenses:			
Asphalt	4,688.44		
Gravel	3,275.00		
Hired Equipment	<u>5,793.00</u>		

VETERANS' DEPARTMENT

Veterans' Agent
Salary 2,205.00
Wage 476.15

2,681.15

Expenses:
Subs., Dues 19.00
Office Supplies 4.60
Postage 30.00

Veterans' Benefits
OB 14,985.00
Heat 560.75
Well & Supplies 536.00
Furnace 1,100.00
Medicine 249.32
Hospital 60.87
Doctor 132.65

53.60

7,727.16

78,820.10

860.00

90.25

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

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Schools
General Control #1000
Salaries

Expenses:
Meetings, Mileage, Dues 1,530.71
Advertising 251.91
Insurance 515.00
Rental Agreement 111.00
Office Supplies 704.16
Postage 40.50
Supplies 15.78

43,772.00

220.20

Instruction #2000

Salaries 1,152,582.41
Enc. Salaries 114,463.20

3,169.06

Expenses:
Chapter 766 8,134.09
Dues, Meetings, Mileage 4,997.72
Supplies 41,174.57
Office Supplies 2,475.48
Subscriptions, Books 34,489.50

1,267,045.61

6,994.31

Office Calculators 277.43
Stereo 105.75
Balance 66.76
Cassette Recorder 120.93
Safety Cabinet 643.00
Art 268.50
Band Uniforms 800.00
Projector 450.30

Program w/Other Schools #9000
Chapter 766 Transportation 32,308.51
Chapter 766 Tuition 23,948.79
Chapter 766 18,640.49
EPA Tuition 219.00
Voc. Ed. Tuition 3,592.31
Voc. Ed. Transportation 111.00

Band Building
Pathfinder Carpentry
Elementary School Addition Committee
Wage

Expenses:
Telephone 7.68
Typing 104.00
Copies 104.93
Supplies 3.59

LIBRARY

Clapp Memorial Library
Wage
Expenses:
Heat 1,890.99
Telephone 169.08
Electric 537.12
Care of Grounds 280.00
Office Supplies 161.76
Subscription, Books 3,078.32
Insurance 690.00
Dues, Meetings, Mileage 87.64
Maintenance Agreement 93.50
Repair 5.90

10,182.00

RECREATION & UNCLASSIFIED

Credit Courses	1,790.80
Postage	826.60
In-Service	1,900.00
Advertising	6.80
Driver Education	2,190.00
Out of State Travel	471.80

98,457.36

Other School Services #3000

Professional Salaries	23,542.88
Non-Professional Salaries	18,850.82
Enc. Salaries	1,695.12
Attendance Officer	200.00
Crossing Guards	3,412.50

47.701.32

Expenses:

Dues, Meetings, Mileage	558.43
Office Supplies	341.50
Supplies	6,791.65
Transportation	133,411.74
Chapter 766	948.60
Field Trips, Athletics, Police	16,172.62
Postage	4.60

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Operating & Maintenance #4000

Salaries	8,323.00
Expenses:	
Telephone	25,558.91
Electric	47,297.54
Heat	21,731.93
Cleaning Supplies	33,336.64
Maintenance/Repairs	4,543.42
Care of Grounds	7,918.78
Maintenance Agreement	120.54
Beeper/Fire Alarm	1,038.47
Water	1,388.25
Gas	435.06
Travel	120.55
Repairs 766	1,302.00
Rubbish Removal	

153.115.09

Fixed Assets #7000

Musical Instruments	1,566.60
Sports	1,039.49
Classroom Furniture	518.10
TV, Antenna, Gas Range	1,870.30

RECREATION & UNCLASSIFIED

Parks, Beach, Recreation	
Director Salary	9,180.20
Lifeguard — Wage	2,789.19
Swimming Instructor	2,256.15
Baseball	1,234.80
Police	88.00
Other Wage	2,463.27

18,011.61

Expenses:

Telephone	779.04
Electricity	236.14
Care of Grounds	1,700.27
Equipment/Supplies	5,460.76
Postage	150.00
Printing	249.00
Mileage	725.62
Maintenance/Repairs	469.93
Babe Ruth League	68.00
Disk	253.88
Police	24.00
Softball Diamond	5,269.06

15,385.70

Pension & Insurance

Town Appropriations	50,261.27
Pensions	74,638.24
Health Insurance	2,277.84
Group Life Insurance	

127.177.35

Insurance

Workman's Compensation	20,618.00
Package Policy	35,823.00
Unemployment Compensation	18,764.54
Fire Dept. Radio	351.00
Marine	1,010.26
Life, Health, Accident	577.74
Auto Endorsement	128.00
Fire Dept.-Life/Acc.	555.00

77.827.54

Unclassified Account

3M Paper	1,732.00
WATS Telephone	507.84
BSS Land	3,664.86

A-Copy	252.81	MVE Tax Bills	934.65
Placques	39.75	LPV Reg. Planning	698.10
Letterhead	26.55		
ATM Bus	45.00		
		Agency, Trust, Investment	
		Susan M.D. Bridgman	
		Poor Fund	1,633.61
Unclassified Section		Calvin Bridgman High	
Unpaid Bills	1,240.51	School Fund	64.33
Pathfinder	109,244.96	Calvin Bridgman Library Fund	1,013.80
Patriotic Exercises	290.70	Neelie Brown Cemetery Fund	30.00
Printing Town Report	5,296.72	George Longley Music Fund	177.57
		Cemetery Perpetual Care —	
CEMETERIES		Bequests	180.00
Cemetery Commissioners		Cemetery Perpetual Care —	
Salaries	800.00	Income	677.11
Clerical — Wage	782.00		
Other — Wage	1,268.00		
Expenses:		Sporting Licenses Issued	10,822.80
Open-close	1,216.50	Dog Licenses Issued	4,810.15
Care of Grounds	7,313.96		
Tools, Equipment	487.92	COA — Title III	4,333.00
Postage	33.85	COA — Elderly &	
Lot Markers	470.40	Handicapped Transportation	2,669.51
Mileage	11.48		
Advertising	23.15	U.S.D.A./Fm. H.A. Assistance	
Vault	2,660.00	Salary	8,169.25
Office Supplies	7.02	Contractual/Wages	8,133.02
		Copies	401.92
		Mileage	488.94
Veterans' Graves		Supplies/Office Supplies	468.41
Footings	30.00	Typewriter	267.00
Flags	94.46	Telephone	101.76
		Meals, Tolls, Parking	21.55
Interest & Maturing Debt		Postage	352.12
1963 School Loan	7,672.50	Travel	202.10
Temp. Notes	4,193.53	Insurance	188.38
		Repair	19.27
		LPVRP	1,331.98
INTEREST & MATURING DEBT			
Maturing Debt		PUBLIC LAW FUNDS	
1963 School Loan		Title I 78-79 School Year	28,518.15
Temp. Loan — Anticipation		Title I 76-77 School Year	.86
Revenue		ESEA — Title IV-B 93-280	14.26
Temp. Loan — Anticipation		Title IV-B P.L. 93-380 Elem.	4.15
Reimbursement		Title II-P.L. 91-230	9.82
		Title IV-B P.L. 93-380 H. School	301.36

PETTY CASH			
Schools	230.00		25,466.48
INVESTMENT OF GENERAL CASH			771.74
REFUNDS	350,000.00		9,114.00
Real Estate of 1978	175.90		17,474.51
Real Estate of 1979	<u>13,281.05</u>		<u>5.69</u>
Personal Property of 1979	13,456.95		
Motor Vehicle	110.93		
Excise 1977	806.97		23,950.76
Excise 1978	3,818.96		284.09
Excise 1979	<u>985.75</u>		<u>70,649.43</u>
Sewer Lien — 1979	5,611.68		13,248.64
Estimated Receipts	96.85		25.00
Interest on Tax	5.74		659.65
DOG OFFICER FEES	7.58		1,113.35
Care and Custody	2,760.00		185.00
Destroy	<u>276.00</u>		<u>409.60</u>
			110,525.52
			125,000.00
PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	3,036.00		
Federal Withholding	258,161.30		9,416.00
Retirement	30,659.16		10.80
State Withholding	90,265.45		668.11
Blue Cross/Blue Shield			239.40
Employee	21,067.53		<u>114.24</u>
Pensioner	175.14		
OME	2,681.24		
Valley Health Plan	5,364.49		
Group Life Insurance	1,058.17		
Cancer Care	1,741.50		
Highway Union Dues	818.43		
Police Union Dues	1,222.47		
Teachers — Dues	11,272.00		
— Annuities	12,633.64		
— Retirement	60,023.22		
Secretaries/Adies Dues	<u>1,168.77</u>		
	498,312.51		
STATE & COUNTY ASSESSMENTS			
County Tax	117,628.06		
State Recreational Areas			25,466.48
LPV Air Pollution District			771.74
Pioneer Valley Reg.			9,114.00
Transit Authority			
Title VI-B P.L. 94-142			17,474.51
Handicapped Children			5.69
Title II-ESAF P.L. 89-10 1973			
School Lunch			
Wage			23,950.76
Tax			284.09
Food			70,649.43
Supplies			13,248.64
Mass. Food Service			25.00
Laundry			659.65
Truck			1,113.35
Repairs			185.00
Meetings			<u>409.60</u>
Stabilization Fund			110,525.52
REVOLVING FUNDS			125,000.00
Police — Off-Duty Work			9,416.00
Lost Book			10.80
Athletic			668.11
Ind. Arts			239.40
Schools — Off-Duty Work			<u>114.24</u>
			10,448.55
INS. CLAIM-CRUISER			51.00
FEDERAL REVENUE SHARING			
Memorial School — Fire Alarm			5,765.04
Schools — Air Low Limits			2,800.00
Jr.-Sr. High Band Building			13,907.11
Insulating High School			274.62
CSS — Self-contained Valves			1,250.00
CSS — Parking Lot			6,229.72
Highways — Maintenance			19,181.50
Salt Shed			4,300.00
Underwood St. Improvement			2,452.71
Highway — Sander			3,825.00
Bay Road Drainage			2,712.68

Highways — Radios	328.10	Ambulance Training	398.40
Summit St. Drainage	5,656.78	Fire Equipment	8,230.45
Treasurer — Calculator	150.00	Fire Hydrant — So. Main Street	191.50
Collector — Typewriter	79.88	Maintenance — Equipment	695.37
Town Clerk — Desk/Chair	398.52		104,009.18
Assessors — Pendoflex File	62.00		
Historial Commission — File	200.00	TITLE II ANTIRECESSIONAL	
Building Inspector —		Bldg. Insp./Zoning Enforcement	1,299.38
Desk/Chair/Calculator	129.45		
OTH — Storm Windows	441.80	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	5,059,231.38
LMH Peak Repairs	400.00		
LMH Energy Saver	749.00	Balance 6/30/79 General	436,330.73
Finnerty House Renovations	8,855.87	Balance 6/30/79 F.R.S.	192,518.62
Finnerty House — Parking Lot	6,412.73	Balance 6/30/79 Title II	— 0 —
Finnerty House & Fire Station			5,688,080.73
Fire Alarm System	1,672.95		
Police Cruiser	6,258.00		

TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN
Balance Sheet — June 30, 1979

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

Assets		Liabilities & Reserves	
Cash:		Temporary Loans:	
General		In Anticipation of Reimbursement	
In Banks & Office	\$436,330.73	Highways	\$25,000.00
Invested In		In Anticipation of Federal and	
Certificates of Deposit	200,000.00	State Reimbursement	
		Sewers	100,000.00
			\$125,000.00
Accounts Receivable:		State & County Assessments:	
Taxes		County Hospital	8,644.10
Levy of 1969		Payroll Deductions:	
Personal Property	6.90	Retirement	3,761.28
Levy of 1970		Teachers' Retirement	7,462.25
Personal Property	55.20	Teachers' Annuities	802.78
Levy of 1971		Secretaries & Aides Dues	21.81
Personal Property	688.80	Group Medical Insurances	4,349.44
Levy of 1972		Group Life Insurances	189.23
Personal Property	577.30		16,586.79
Levy of 1973		Agency:	
Personal Property	836.68	County Dog Licenses	466.60
Levy of 1974		Reserved for Appropriation	
Personal Property	456.50	State Aid to Library	2,385.38
			2,851.98

Departmental:		Road Machinery Earnings	271.35
Highways & Miscellaneous	2,738.67	Reserve Fund-Overlay Surplus	4,257.59
Veterans' Services	8,846.60	Overlays Reserved for Abatement:	
		Overlay of 1970	55.20
Aid to Highways:		Overlay of 1971	688.80
State		Overlay of 1972	577.30
Aid to Sewers:		Overlay of 1973-74	301.41
State	41,922.00	Overlay of 1975	1,877.90
Federal	222,266.00	Overlay of 1976	7,126.33
		Overlay of 1977	14,260.01
Revenue to 1980	264,188.00	Overlay of 1979	29,045.93
Loans Authorized:	3,363,220.31		53,932.88
Sewer	850,000.00	Revenues Reserved until Collected:	
Water	134,000.00	Motor Vehicle Excise	189,222.98
		Farm Animal Excise	289.50
Due from County:		Special Assessments	2,149.02
Dog Officer Fees	3,530.00	Tax Titles & Tax Poss.	12,015.22
Unprovided for or Overdrawn Accounts:		Departmental	11,585.27
LPV Regional Planning	698.10	Aid to Highways	46,156.00
Pioneer Valley Transit	1,114.00	Aid to Sewers	164,188.00
Special Education Ch. 766	768.00		425,605.99
		Surplus Revenue	416,924.72
	2,580.10	Appropriations Control Account	3,450,379.38
	<u>\$5,760,382.18</u>		<u>\$5,760,382.18</u>
		Liabilities	
Special Cash	\$192,518.62	Public Law #94-488	\$192,518.62
Due from Public Law #94-488	117,545.36	Appropriation Balances	117,545.36
	<u>\$310,063.98</u>		<u>\$310,063.98</u>
		Liabilities	
Trust and Investment Funds:		Cemetery Perpetual Care	\$ 50,017.16
Cash and Securities	\$699,373.99	Stabilization Fund	569,720.07
		Susan M. D. Bridgman Fund	895.78
		Nellie E. Brown Cemetery Fund	1,732.76
		Calvin Bridgman Library Fund	4,795.64
		George D. Longley Music Fund	2,191.66
		Calvin Bridgman High School Fund	8,084.12
		Whiting Street Poor Fund	17,180.48
		Susan M. D. Bridgman Poor Fund	42,241.93
		Willard Stebbins Cemetery Fund	1,899.58
		Vianna E. Somes Cemetery Fund	614.81
	<u>\$699,373.99</u>		<u>\$699,373.99</u>

FEDERAL REVENUE SHARING ACCOUNTS

TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

DEBT ACCOUNTS June 30, 1979

Loan Issued	Rate	Outstanding 7/1/78	Paid In 78-79	Outstanding 6/30/79	Due In Fiscal 1980
New Jr.-Sr. High School Loan	3.1	\$270,000.00	\$45,000.00	\$225,000.00	\$45,000.00

DEBT STATEMENT June 30, 1979

Net Funded or Fixed Debt:	Serial Loans:
Outside Debt Limit	Outside Debt Limit
General	School Building Loan 1963
\$225,000.00	\$225,000.00

APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES FOR FISCAL 1979

	Balance Forward 6-30-78	Appro- priations ATM-STM	Refunds Transfers Adjustments	Amount Available Expenditure	Expended by Warrant	Expended by Journal	Unex- pended Balance	Balance to 1980
GENERAL GOVERNMENT								
Moderator	\$ -0-	35.00	-0-	35.00	34.95	-0-	.05	-0-
Selectmen-Salaries	-0-	6,300.00	-0-	6,300.00	6,300.00	-0-	-0-	-0-
- Expense	-0-	5,100.00	2,150.00	7,250.00	6,514.11	-0-	735.89	-0-
Acct./Secretary-Salary	-0-	9,973.00	-0-	9,973.00	9,972.50	-0-	.50	-0-
- Wage	-0-	8,515.00	-0-	8,515.00	8,390.54	-0-	124.46	-0-
- Expense	-0-	1,750.00	29.00	1,779.00	1,762.67	-0-	16.33	-0-
- Out of State Travel	-0-	200.00	-0-	200.00	-0-	-0-	200.00	-0-
Clerk, Collector, Treasurer								
- Salary	-0-	13,850.00	-0-	13,850.00	13,850.00	-0-	-0-	-0-
- Wage	-0-	31,805.00	1,100.00	32,905.00	30,944.24	-0-	1,960.76	-0-
Treasurer-Expense	-0-	2,840.00	-0-	2,840.00	2,829.67	-0-	10.33	-0-
- Capital	-0-	150.00	-0-	150.00	59.46	-0-	90.54	-0-
Collector-Expense	-0-	4,345.00	-0-	4,345.00	4,309.60	20.00	15.40	-0-
Town Clerk-Expense	-0-	2,063.00	-0-	2,063.00	2,024.87	-0-	38.13	-0-
Assessors-Salary	-0-	3,200.00	-0-	3,200.00	3,200.00	-0-	-0-	-0-
- Asst. Assessor Wage	-0-	10,335.00	-0-	10,335.00	10,335.00	-0-	-0-	-0-
- Jr. Clerk Wage	-0-	8,203.00	-0-	8,203.00	8,203.00	-0-	-0-	-0-
- Wage	-0-	1,062.00	-0-	1,062.00	383.00	-0-	679.00	-0-
- Expense	-0-	11,200.00	229.00	11,429.00	7,557.86	-0-	3,871.14	-0-
- Police & Fire Index Card	300.00	-0-	-0-	300.00	-0-	-0-	300.00	3,871.14
- Maps Encumbered	1,400.00	-0-	-0-	1,400.00	1,400.00	-0-	-0-	300.00
- Maintenance Enc. .	2,261.43	-0-	-0-	2,261.43	2,261.43	-0-	-0-	-0-
Law Account	-0-	6,600.00	-0-	6,600.00	5,335.50	-0-	1,264.50	-0-
Special Law Account	-0-	100.00	-0-	100.00	-0-	-0-	100.00	-0-
Finance Committee	-0-	200.00	-0-	200.00	125.13	-0-	74.87	-0-
Election & Registration								
- Salary	-0-	150.00	-0-	150.00	150.00	-0-	-0-	-0-
- Wage	-0-	7,500.00	-0-	7,500.00	5,020.71	1,000.00	1,479.29	-0-
- Expense	-0-	2,250.00	-0-	2,250.00	2,161.21	-0-	88.79	-0-
Planning Board-Wage	-0-	1,640.00	-0-	1,640.00	1,051.70	-0-	588.30	-0-
- Expense	-0-	3,000.00	175.00	3,175.00	1,981.95	1,140.00	53.05	-0-

- Out of State Travel	-0-	50.00	-0-	50.00	-0-	-0-	50.00	-0-	-0-	50.00	-0-
- Sub. Div. Reg. Consultant	-0-	-0-	-0-	1,000.00	-0-	-0-	1,000.00	-0-	-0-	13.42	-0-
Plan. Asst./Eng. Aide/											
Grantswriter-Salary	-0-	9,279.00	-0-	9,279.00	-0-	-0-	9,279.00	-0-	-0-	.25	-0-
Eng. Svcs./Grantswriter											
- Expense	-0-	700.00	-0-	700.00	-0-	-0-	700.00	-0-	-0-	47.12	-0-
Professional Engineering	-0-	2,500.00	-0-	2,500.00	-0-	-0-	2,500.00	-0-	-0-	9.38	-0-
Board of Appeals-Wage	-0-	800.00	-0-	800.00	-0-	-0-	800.00	-0-	-0-	377.01	-0-
- Expense	-0-	300.00	-0-	300.00	-0-	-0-	300.00	-0-	-0-	165.52	-0-
Conservation Commission											
- Wage	-0-	100.00	-0-	100.00	-0-	-0-	100.00	-0-	-0-	100.00	-0-
- Expense	-0-	575.00	-0-	575.00	-0-	-0-	575.00	-0-	-0-	266.83	-0-
- Capital	-0-	200.00	-0-	200.00	-0-	-0-	200.00	-0-	-0-	200.00	-0-
Council on Aging-Salary	-0-	14,333.00	-0-	14,333.00	-0-	-0-	14,333.00	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
- Wage	-0-	7,182.00	-0-	7,182.00	-0-	-0-	7,182.00	-0-	-0-	1,319.50	-0-
- Expense	-0-	6,745.00	-0-	6,745.00	-0-	-0-	6,745.00	-0-	-0-	1,219.87	-0-
Maintenance/Groundskeeper											
- Wage	-0-	11,167.00	-0-	11,167.00	-0-	-0-	11,167.00	-0-	-0-	83.36	-0-
- Expense	-0-	1,000.00	-0-	1,000.00	-0-	168.90	1,168.90	-0-	-0-	136.99	-0-
Industrial Development											
Commission	-0-	150.00	-0-	150.00	-0-	-0-	150.00	-0-	-0-	124.01	-0-
Historical Commission	-0-	971.00	-0-	971.00	-0-	-0-	971.00	-0-	-0-	141.41	-0-
Lawrence Memorial Hall	-0-	4,000.00	-0-	4,000.00	-0-	-0-	4,000.00	-0-	-0-	1,321.89	-0-
Town Garage	-0-	9,500.00	-0-	9,500.00	-0-	-0-	9,500.00	-0-	-0-	12.46	-0-
Old Town Hall	-0-	5,000.00	-0-	5,000.00	-0-	-0-	5,000.00	-0-	-0-	826.21	-0-
Finnerty House	-0-	2,350.00	-0-	2,350.00	-0-	-0-	2,350.00	-0-	-0-	689.73	-0-
- Renovations	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	850.00	850.00	-0-	-0-	3.60	-0-
Town Common	-0-	2,450.00	-0-	2,450.00	-0-	-0-	2,450.00	-0-	101.76	160.76	-0-
Town Clock	-0-	400.00	-0-	400.00	-0-	-0-	400.00	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

PUBLIC SAFETY

Police-Chief's Salary											
- Full Time Wage	-0-	19,197.00	-0-	19,197.00	-0-	-0-	19,197.00	-0-	-0-	.03	-0-
- Part Time Wage	-0-	51,497.00	-0-	51,497.00	-0-	-0-	51,497.00	-0-	-0-	884.78	-0-
- EMT Payroll	-0-	36,584.00	-0-	36,584.00	-0-	2,300.00	38,884.00	-0-	-0-	819.79	-0-
- Expense	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	398.40	398.40	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
Fire Dept.-Chief's Salary	-0-	28,990.00	-0-	28,990.00	-0-	-0-	28,990.00	-0-	-0-	186.86	-0-
- Wage	-0-	1,750.00	-0-	1,750.00	-0-	-0-	1,750.00	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
- Expense	-0-	6,600.00	-0-	6,600.00	-0-	-0-	6,600.00	-0-	-0-	107.43	-0-
- Renovations	-0-	11,045.00	-0-	13,301.25	-0-	2,256.25	13,198.75	-0-	-0-	102.50	-0-
Burner Inspector-Wage	-0-	1,550.00	-0-	1,550.00	-0-	-0-	1,550.00	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
- Expense	-0-	2,000.00	-0-	2,000.00	-0-	-0-	2,000.00	-0-	-0-	1,150.00	-0-
Hydrant Service	-0-	500.00	-0-	500.00	-0-	-0-	500.00	-0-	-0-	294.55	-0-
Water Storage Holes	-0-	5,950.00	-0-	5,950.00	-0-	-0-	5,950.00	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
Fire Hydrant-So. Main St.	-0-	600.00	-0-	600.00	-0-	-0-	600.00	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
- Payroll	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	101.50	101.50	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
Sealer of Weights & Measure											
- Salary	-0-	350.00	-0-	350.00	-0-	-0-	350.00	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
- Expense	-0-	180.00	-0-	180.00	-0-	-0-	180.00	-0-	-0-	93.73	-0-
Dog Officer - Wage	-0-	1,320.00	-0-	1,320.00	-0-	-0-	1,320.00	-0-	-0-	470.00	-0-
- Expense	-0-	420.00	-0-	420.00	-0-	-0-	420.00	-0-	-0-	45.38	-0-
Bldg. Insp./Zoning Officer/											
Assistant Rep.-Salary	-0-	11,128.00	-0-	11,171.75	-0-	43.75	11,171.75	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

Bldg. Insp.-Payroll Acct.	-0-	1,299.38	1,299.20	-0-	-0-	.18
- Expense	-0-	2,650.00	1,901.75	-0-	-0-	748.25
- Capital	-0-	350.00	250.75	-0-	-0-	99.25
Wiring Inspector-Wage	-0-	3,500.00	3,195.00	-0-	-0-	305.00
- Expense	-0-	900.00	960.55	-0-	-0-	-0-
Gas Inspector-Wage	-0-	100.00	275.00	-0-	-0-	-0-
- Expense	-0-	75.00	30.94	-0-	-0-	44.06
Civil Defense-Salary	-0-	350.00	350.00	-0-	-0-	-0-
- Expense	-0-	480.00	345.38	-0-	-0-	134.62
Insect Pest Control	-0-	1,815.00	1,791.50	-0-	-0-	23.50
Dutch Elm Disease-Wage	-0-	1,737.00	1,600.75	-0-	-0-	136.25
- Expense	-0-	1,113.00	946.50	-0-	-0-	166.50
Tree Warden-Wage	-0-	2,750.00	2,741.35	-0-	-0-	8.65
- Expense	-0-	2,225.00	2,221.54	-0-	-0-	3.46

HEALTH & SANITATION

Board of Health-Salary	-0-	925.00	925.00	-0-	-0-	-0-
- Wage	-0-	5,850.00	4,837.25	-0-	-0-	1,012.75
- Expense	-0-	11,135.00	10,618.79	-0-	-0-	516.21
Sewer Maintenance-Salary	-0-	1,250.00	1,250.00	-0-	-0-	-0-
- Wage	-0-	3,000.00	1,463.59	-0-	-0-	1,536.41
- Expense	-0-	21,300.00	19,950.63	-0-	-0-	1,349.37
Sewer Construction & Engineering	14,055.65	41,092.42	11,710.07	43,438.00	-0-	-0-
Construction Account -EPA #437	-0-	139,550.00	45,883.77	30,937.42	62,728.81	62,728.81
- #491	-0-	31,888.00	-0-	7,500.00	24,388.00	24,388.00
Sanitary Landfill Area-Wage	-0-	14,610.00	14,141.45	-0-	-0-	468.55
Sanitary Landfill Area	-0-	1,000.00	994.69	-0-	-0-	-0-
- Expense	-0-	14,066.00	13,930.70	-0-	-0-	5.31
Highways-Superintendent's Salary	-0-	44,320.00	44,318.15	-0-	-0-	135.30
- General Wage	-0-	30,000.00	28,035.84	24.57	-0-	1.85
- General Expense	-0-	1,200.00	1,131.46	-0-	-0-	1,939.59
- Speed Signs & Posts	-0-	14,570.00	15,676.41	-0-	-0-	68.54
- Benefits	-0-	20,531.54	43,383.14	59,240.00	-0-	134.39
- Chapter 765	-0-	86,724.57	43,383.14	-0-	-0-	4,632.97
- Salt Shed Payroll	-0-	484.99	484.99	-0-	-0-	4,632.97
- Underwood St. Improvement payroll	-0-	766.93	766.93	-0-	-0-	-0-
- Finnerty House Parking Lot payroll	-0-	1,113.88	1,113.88	-0-	-0-	-0-
- Cold Spring School Parking Lot payroll	-0-	1,112.64	1,112.64	-0-	-0-	-0-
- Summit St. Drainage payroll	-0-	1,995.98	1,995.98	-0-	-0-	-0-
- Streets	-0-	30,000.00	29,512.29	-0-	-0-	487.71
- Sidewalks	-0-	5,000.00	4,990.03	-0-	-0-	9.97
- Bridges & Culverts	-0-	12,000.00	11,335.09	-0-	-0-	664.91
- Snow Removal	-0-	61,000.00	61,546.18	-0-	-0-	3.82
- Street Lighting	-0-	16,531.00	16,302.96	-0-	-0-	228.04
- Road Machinery Expense	-0-	27,000.00	26,927.03	-0-	-0-	77.13

VETERAN'S SERVICE

Veteran's Agent Salary	-0-	2,205.00	2,205.00	-0-	-0-	-0-
- Wage & Expense	-0-	800.00	529.75	-0-	-0-	-0-
Veteran's Benefits	-0-	27,500.00	17,624.59	-0-	-0-	10,592.66

SCHOOLS & LIBRARIES

Report of Town Treasurer

July 1, 1978 through June 30, 1979

Cash on hand 6/30/78	\$ 597,165.88	Payments, as authorized	\$5,059,231.38
Receipts 7/1/78-6/30/79	<u>5,090,914.85</u>	Cash on hand 6/30/79	<u>628,849.35</u>
	\$5,688,080.73		\$5,688,080.73

Interest Income from Savings Deposits, excluding Trust Funds \$18,930.86

Federal Revenue Sharing Account

Cash on hand 6/30/78	\$146,379.90	Payments, as authorized	\$104,009.18
Receipts 7/1/78-6/30/79:		Cash on hand 6/30/79	<u>192,518.62</u>
			\$296,527.80
	Principal	Interest	
Ent. V		36.84	
Ent. VI		305.22	
Ent. VII		425.40	
Ent. VIII		720.08	
Ent. IX	35,424.00	753.37	
All accts. combined as of 9/1/78	<u>104,713.54</u>	<u>7,769.45</u>	
	140,137.54	10,010.36	<u>=150,147.90</u>
			\$296,527.80

Antirecession Program

Cash on hand 6/30/78	\$1,275.23	Payments, as authorized	\$1,299.38
Receipts 7/1/78-6/30/79:		Cash on hand 6/30/79	<u>000</u>
			\$1,299.38
	Principal	Interest	
	—	24.15=	24.15
			\$1,299.38

Funds borrowed during period 7/1/78-6/30/79, as authorized

Note	Purpose	From	Dated	Amount	Due Date	Rate	Interest
#291	Anticipation of Tax Revenue	Hampshire Nat'l. Bank	9/25/78	200,000.00	12/10/78	3.89%	1,642.36
#292	Chap. 90 (Chap. 765, Acts of 1972) Highway Construction Anticipation of Reimbursement	Hampshire Nat'l. Bank	10/10/78	25,000.00	9/10/79	4.70%	AT Maturity
#293	Renewal of Notes 288 & 290 Highway Construction Anticipation of Reimbursement	Hampshire Nat'l. Bank	12/1/78	40,000.00	6/1/79	5.49%	1,110.20
#294	Anticipation of Tax Revenue	Hampshire Nat'l. Bank	4/17/79	100,000.00	5/17/79	4.68%	390.00

#295	Anticipation of Federal & State Grants (WPC437) Sewer Project — South Belchertown	Third National Bank of Hampden Cty.	5/29/79	100,000.00	1/29/80	4.28%	At Maturity
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Trust Funds

Trust Funds	6/30/78	Deposits	Interest	Withdrawals	6/30/79
Calvin Bridgman (High School)	7,728.82	—	419.63	64.33	8,084.12
George D. Longley (Music)	2,248.32	—	120.91	177.57	2,191.66
Susan M. D. Bridgman (Cemetery)	849.38	—	46.40	—	895.78
Whiting Street	16,289.93	—	890.55	—	17,180.48
Willard A. Stebbins (Cemetery)	1,801.12	—	98.46	—	1,899.58
Calvin Bridgman (Library)	5,219.29	—	276.35	700.00	4,795.64
Susan M. D. Bridgman (Poor)	36,663.51	874.80	2,012.43	808.81	38,741.93
Vienna Sommes (Mt. Hope Cemetery)	582.96	—	32.85	—	614.81
Perpetual Care (Cemeteries)	47,904.78	180.00	2,609.49	677.11	50,017.16
Nellie E. Brown (Mt. Hope Cemetery)	1,671.75	—	91.01	30.00	1,732.76
Stabilization Fund (Regular acct.)	491.42	—	26.82	518.24	00.
			(Trans to M.M.D.T.)		
Stablization Fund (Special Notice Acct.)	410,765.22	—	22,344.63	433,109.85	00.
			(Trans. to M.M.D.T.)		
Stabilization Fund (Mass. Municipal Depository Trust)	00.	558,628.09	11,091.98	—	596,70.07
	532,216.50	559,682.89	40,060.51	436,085.91	695,873.99

Bank Stock Investment:

Susan M. D. Bridgman (Pool) — State Audit Value \$3,500.00 — 12 month Dividend — \$874.80

Respectfully submitted,
George R. Bach
Treasurer





Annual Report — 1979

Report of Tax and Town Collector

July 1, 1978 — June 30, 1979

1975 Fiscal Real Estate Taxes			
Outstanding 6/30/78		1,371.60	
Collected	30.80		
Outstanding 6/30/79	<u>1340.80</u>		
	1,371.60	1,371.60	
1976 Fiscal Real Estate Taxes			
Outstanding 6/30/78		16,486.77	
Collected	2,785.58		
Outstanding 6/30/79	<u>13,701.19</u>		
	16,486.77	16,486.77	
1977 Fiscal Real Estate Taxes			
Outstanding 6/30/78		32,704.42	
To Subsequent Taxes	330.75		
Collected	9,864.67		
Outstanding 6/30/79	<u>22,509.00</u>		
	32,704.42	32,704.42	
1978 Fiscal Real Estate Taxes			
Outstanding 6/30/78		125,356.31	
Scheduled refund (from FY 78 report)	108.30		
Refunded per above		108.30	
1975 Fiscal Real Estate Taxes			
Refunded			839.80
Audit Adjustment			351.00
To Subsequent Taxes			81,990.77
Collected			<u>42,242.34</u>
Outstanding 6/30/79			125,532.21
			<u>125,532.21</u>
1979 Fiscal Real Estate Taxes			
Committed for collection			2,035,735.62
Refunded			13,281.05
To be refunded			250.00
Abated			58,536.02
Collected			1,852,613.49
Outstanding 6/30/79			<u>138,117.16</u>
			2,049,266.67
			<u>2,049,266.67</u>
1969 Personal Property Taxes			
Outstanding 6/30/78			6.90
Outstanding 6/30/79			<u>6.90</u>
			6.90

Outstanding 6/30/79	55.20	Refunded	110.93
	55.20	Abated	
1971 Personal Property Taxes		Collected	285.64
Outstanding 6/30/78		Outstanding 6/30/79	71,385.46
Outstanding 6/30/79	688.00		5,279.49
	688.00		76,950.60
1972 Personal Property Taxes		1976 Farm Animal Excise	163.50
Outstanding 6/30/78		Outstanding 6/30/78	
Outstanding 6/30/79	577.30	Collected	78.00
	577.30	Outstanding 6/30/79	85.50
1973 Personal Property Taxes			163.50
Outstanding 6/30/78		1977 Farm Animal Excise	204.50
Outstanding 6/30/79	836.68	Outstanding 6/30/78	
	836.6y8	Collected	105.50
1974 Personal Property Taxes		Outstanding 6/30/79	99.00
Outstanding 6/30/78			204.50
Outstanding 6/30/79	456.50	1978 Farm Animal Excise	1,383.13
	456.50	Committed for collection	
1975 Fiscal Personal Property Taxes		Collected	1,278.13
Outstanding 6/30/78		Outstanding 6/30/79	105.00
Collected	132.00		1,383.13
Outstanding 6/30/79	1,109.10	1970 Motor Vehicle Excise	2,634.81
	1,241.10	Outstanding 6/30/78	
1976 Fiscal Personal Property Taxes		Outstanding 6/30/79	2,634.81
Outstanding 6/30/78			2,634.81
Collected	153.00	1971 Motor Vehicle Excise	4,985.64
Outstanding 6/30/79	2,731.05	Outstanding 6/30/78	
	2,884.05	Outstanding 6/30/79	4,985.64
1977 Fiscal Personal Property Taxes			4,985.64
Outstanding 6/30/78		1972 Motor Vehicle Excise	6,625.74
Collected	554.35	Outstanding 6/30/78	
Outstanding 6/30/79	3,073.07	Outstanding 6/30/79	6,625.74
	3,627.42		6,625.74
1978 Fiscal Personal Property Taxes		1973 Motor Vehicle Excise	9,073.52
Outstanding 6/30/78		Outstanding 6/30/78	
Collected	1,664.71	Collected	19.80
Outstanding 6/30/79	4,012.87	Outstanding 6/30/79	9,053.72
	5,677.59		9,073.52
1979 Fiscal Personal Property Taxes		1974 Motor Vehicle Excise	8,080.30
Outstanding 6/30/78		Outstanding 6/30/78	
Collected		Collected	169.13
Outstanding 6/30/79			
Committed for collection			

Outstanding 6/30/79	7,911.17	8,080.30	112,789.94
1975 Motor Vehicle Excise			
Outstanding 6/30/78	61.88		841.41
Collected	7,979.23		
Outstanding 6/30/79	8,041.11	8,041.11	75.58
1976 Motor Vehicle Excise			
Outstanding 6/30/78	374.01	7,957.98	
Collected	7,583.96		
Outstanding 6/30/79	7,957.98	7,957.98	96.85
1977 Motor Vehicle Excise			
Outstanding 6/30/78		25,215.43	
Committed for collection		3,195.57	
Refunded		806.97	
Abated	1,601.78		
Collected	17,494.92		
Outstanding 6/30/79	10,121.27		
1978 Motor Vehicle Excise			
Outstanding 6/30/78	29,217.97	29,217.97	
Scheduled refund (from FY 78 report)	39.79		
Refunded per above		39.79	
Committed for collection		119,075.78	
Refunded		3,779.17	
Abated	9,809.63		
Collected	119,321.01		
Outstanding 6/30/79	19,727.17		
1979 Motor Vehicle Excise			
Committed for collection		148,897.60	
Refunded			
To be refunded			
Abated	10,156.61		
Collected	135,507.24		
1977 Sewer Charges			
Outstanding 6/30/78		8,041.11	
Committed Demand & Interest when Charges became Liens			
Collected (as Sewer Charges)			205.70
Collected (as Liens on 1979 Real Estate)			808.14
Refunded			
Outstanding 6/30/79			000.00
1978 Sewer Charges			
Committed for collection			126.31
Abated			20,057.93
Collected			2,149.02
Outstanding 6/30/79			22,333.26
Miscellaneous Accounts Receivable			
Outstanding 6/30/78			4,559.67
Committed for collection			2,862.50
Abated			180.00
Collected			4,362.50
Outstanding 6/30/79			2,879.67
Total Collections During July, 1978 — June, 1979			
Taxes, Excises & Liens			\$2,316,656.24
Miscellaneous Accounts			4,362.50
Fees (Warrant & Demand)			2,067.00
Interest on all Taxes, Excises and Liens			13,211.77
\$2,336,297.51			
Paid to Town Treasurer			
\$2,336,297.51			
Respectfully submitted,			
George R. Bach			
Tax and Town Collector			

Town Clerk Report

Statistics Births

Placed	Boys	Girls
Holyoke	1	4
Northampton	16	28
Springfield	23	20
Ware	2	4
	42	56

Total births recorded in Belchertown — 98
Of these births in 1979, there were four sets of twins!

Marriages

	Male	Female
Resident	64	58
Non-resident	30	36
	94	94
	No.	
Married at:		
Belchertown	50	
Out of Town	44	
	94	

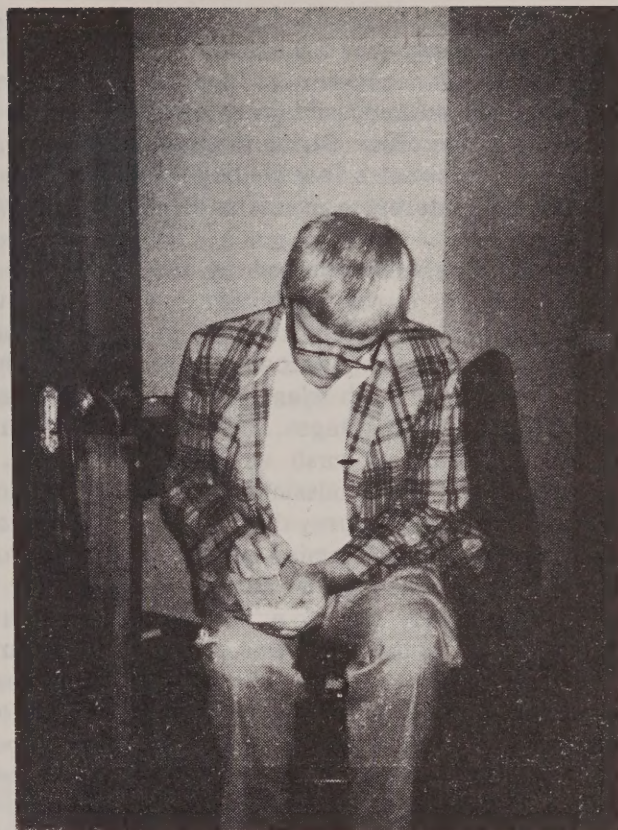
Deaths

Recorded in Belchertown — 46
Males — 24; Females — 22
Resident — 43; Non-Resident — 3

Place of Death	No.
Ware	5
Springfield	12
Belchertown	10
Palmer	6
Ludlow	2
Holyoke	3
Northampton	6
Boston	1
Chicopee	1
	46

Financial

Receipts	Amount	No.	Items
Sporting Licenses (Gross)	1,396	1396	
Dog Licenses (Gross)	4,817.00	1,327	
B-M-D Certified Copies	432.00	216	
B-M-D Abstract Copies	123.00	123	
Record Search	40.00	21	
Marriage Intentions	316.00	79	
U.C.C. & Terminations	612.00	141	
Pole Location Orders	36.50	12	
Federal Lien Releases	6.00	2	
Sale of Zoning Bylaws & Maps	96.00	48	
Registration to Store Fuel	57.50	24	
Registration & Discontinuance of Business	16.00	17	
Sale of Subdivision Regulations	40.00	8	



Filing Fees — Subdivisions	3,260.00	8
Hearing Fees — Board of Appeals	165.00	11
Raffles & Bazaars	100.00	10
Sale of Street Lists	82.00	17
Postage & Miscellaneous	16.03	—
	<u>\$21,422.48</u>	<u>3,460</u>

Payments to:

Division of Fisheries & Game	10,915.35
County of Hampshire	4,352.55
Town of Belchertown	6,154.58
	<u>\$21,422.48</u>

Respectfully submitted,

George R. Bach
George R. Bach, Town Clerk



Assessor's Report

It would be an impossible task to try to review the activities of this office during the preceding year. We will try to capsulize a few of the activities which we feel will be of interest to you instead.

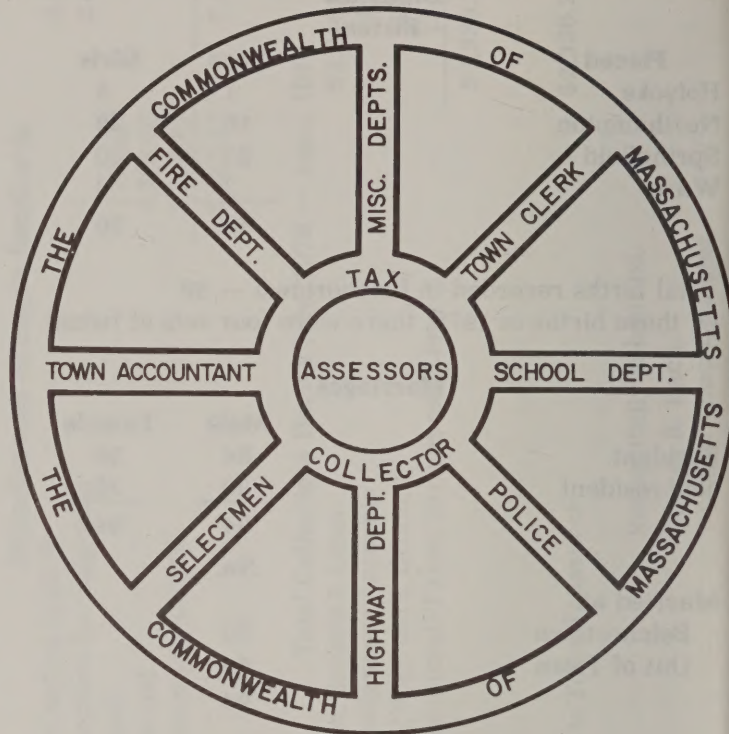
Classification, as approved by the voters of the Commonwealth during calendar year 1978, was amended by Chapter 797 of the Acts of 1979. Basically, the amended bill allows percentages of local tax levies to be borne by each class of real and personal properties. The percentages, however, would be based on the full and fair cash value of each class, as determined by the Commissioner of Revenue. The local assessor, with the approval of the selectmen, would use percentages to determine what the tax rates would be for the four classes of real property and for the personal property tax — a potential of five rates. Other sections of the Act define the powers and duties of the Commissioner as administrator of the assessing practices of the towns, lay out the procedures to be followed when a town is not assessing property according to law and set up specific guidelines to be followed by the local assessors to insure that they are assessing according to law. The Commissioner is required to conduct training programs so that assessors may be qualified in their field. (Section 22 gives current assessors three years to become qualified under the new provisions of Section 1 of Chapter 58.)

Updating of the value of real property is now essential for the good of the town. Even if classification were not law requiring updating, it would still be required. The market since 1 January 1976 (the date of revaluation) has spiralled upward and our ratio is now well below the percentages allowed by the Sudbury decision.

Also, the recent changes in our Bylaws necessitate extra scrutiny of our records and this leads to the requirement of an almost immediate updating of the system to keep "all things equal."

The problems associated with the unprecedented growth of Belchertown, as outlined in last year's Assessor's Report, are still with us. Although there were only 60 building permits issued for single-family dwelling units in calendar year 1979 (compared with 114 in calendar 1978 and 134 in calendar 1977), one would be hard-pressed to find another town of comparable size in this area that has issued this number during the same period. Last year we reported that there would be approximately 3,250 parcels of land in Belchertown on January 1979 — actually there were 3,349. We feel there will be in excess of 3,500 parcels on January 1, 1980.

Town meetings held between January 1, 1979 and September 17, 1979 approved expenditures of \$3,827,414.44. With State and County Assessments, \$48,504.74 and \$126,219.42 respectively, the overlay, \$105,000, and other assessments added to the



Wheel of Town Government

aforementioned sum, we had a gross amount to be raised of \$4,118,863.81. The Cherry Sheet provided available funds of \$1,133,395.05; free cash, revenue sharing and other available funds provided \$381,257.13 and local estimated receipts used by this Board amounted to \$382,787.39. This left \$2,221,424.24 to be raised by taxation. This two million dollar plus "tax bill" breaks down as follows:

General Government	15.0/ %
County Tax	5.7/ %
State Assessments	2.2/ %
Exemptions & Abatements	4.7/ %
Schools	72.4/ %

If the value of the town had not been increased by nearly six and one-half million, the tax rate would have been \$30.50 instead of \$28.

Motor vehicle excises still plague this office. This item generates less than 15 percent of our revenue for the town but requires over 20 percent of the staff's time. The number of bills issued has increased from 6,497 in calendar 1978 to 7,585 in calendar 1979, but the number of abatements granted increased from 731 to 818 during the same period. The Registry of Motor Vehicles generates the bills; and all we can say is, there must be some way to clean up this mess. This relief has been promised for the past several years, but so far, no one has been able to produce the program the computer needs to accomplish this task.

Effective July 1, 1979, a new Chapter, 60B, became effective. It provides for an excise on registered boats, ships and vessels in lieu of a local tangible personal property tax. This excise must be generated

completely from the local assessing office. After we take the time to send out the forms and compile the necessary information, it is doubtful that the excise generated will cover the cost of the forms and the postage. At this time, it is our feeling that this Chapter of law only benefits the cities and towns that have large marinas, and has only overburdened the majority of the assessing offices without generating even an offsetting amount of revenue.

There are still unresolved problems with the Chapter 61 (Forestry) and Chapter 61A (Agricultural-Horticultural) programs. Some progress has been made during the past year, but there is still work to be done on both.

Changes in legislation have affected the majority of exemptions and there is an indication that the exemptions which were not affected this year will be changed in the near future.

In summary, escalating values and proliferation of

parcels, the need for analyzing data, the requirement for updating the changes of a very active real estate market, the educational requirements of the office and the demands by the Property Tax Bureau for more comprehensive reports make the job of keeping current and assuring accurate records very difficult.

We look forward to working with you this coming year in pursuit of our common goal — the equitable distribution of the tax burden. We would be remiss if we neglected to acknowledge the courtesy, encouragement, support and confidence you have exhibited this past year. Our sincere appreciation to all who have made a tedious job a bit more pleasant.

Respectfully submitted,

Samuel J. Joyal,
Chairman
Edward O. Lofland
David A. Staples



Belchertown Planning Board

During this past year there seemed to be an encouraging turn in the affairs of the Belchertown Planning Board. There was a distinct upswing in citizen interest in the future directions of the Town. Voters gave significant support to the protective revisions of the Zoning Bylaw. Closer coordination began to appear among town agencies regarding planning matters. The rate of residential growth returned to a level more commensurate with existing town services. Through the Natural Resources Planning Program the Town now has a full library of resource maps. These maps, used creatively, will prove invaluable in the years ahead.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

The Planning Board wishes to thank those townspeople who contributed to the federally-funded Citizens Planning Program. Through their efforts support was generated for the preservation of the rural character of Belchertown and for an updating of the Zoning Bylaw. Hopefully, the momentum of this participation will be sustained. Any town must benefit from open, creative dialogue among its citizens.

BYLAW REVISION

At a Special Town Meeting, two sessions, in late October, voters approved a series of articles which had been refined through countless public meetings and hearings. Major features of the revision are as follows:

- supporting Conservation Commission protection of our wetlands by introducing specific review procedures prior to the issuance of building permits;
- updating and clarifying those sections relating to parking, signs, fences, home occupations, enforcement, and administrative procedures. These changes should help our Zoning Enforcement Officer and our Board of Appeals in their determinations;
- including all subdivisions into the Residential District in order to assure the same quality of residential land-use as is enjoyed by owners of similar property elsewhere in Town.

MAPPING

Belchertown became one of three or four towns in the Pioneer Valley to take advantage of the resource analysis offered by the U.S. Soil Conservation Service office in Hadley under its Natural Resources Planning Program. Chuck Dauchy of that office has been immeasurably helpful to us, along with many citizens who followed through on the field work and data gathering essential to the program. Through the cooperation of the University of Massachusetts we hope to attract work-study students to move the mapping even further ahead.

INTER-AGENCY COOPERATION

A wholesome exchange of information and ideas continued through the year with the Citizens Planning Program representing a positive factor in this exchange. Selectman Greg Dillard served as Liaison to the Planning Board and devoted considerable time and energy to our joint concerns.

There was an increased flow of information regarding subdivisions from the Planning Board to the Assessors and to the Conservation Commission as well as to the Selectmen, who, through their Chairman, together with the Highway Superintendent, have made distinct efforts to monitor subdivision construction as outlined in the Board's revised Subdivision Regulations.

The Planning Board has continued its interaction with both the Lower Pioneer Valley Regional Planning Commission and the County Planning Office. Regional cooperation is essential to attracting and utilizing Federal support.

SUBDIVISIONS

During the year two subdivisions were started in Town, "Jabish Meadows" and "Briarwood Estates." Subdivision matters, however, continued to occupy the major share of the Board's time. There was the same almost endless interaction among the Board and Town Counsel, The town's engineering consultants, developers and their engineers. Some matters were quite trivial; others were quite important. The assistance of Planning Assistant Larry Smith was indispensable to this interaction. a volunteer board of laymen simply cannot manage daily business of this cope without professional assistance.

The Underwood Subdivision continued to be a Board concern of negative character. October 9, 1979, the Board was forced to accept the reality that the subdivider was not going to complete the subdivision according to the modified Definitive Plan. With the help of the Town Counsel and the Board of Selectmen, the Planning Board proceeded to take legal action to bring about the most reasonable and practical solution to this problem, using any and all funds held in escrow while avoiding any expense to the Town.

ZONE CHANGE REQUESTS

Throughout the year voters were asked to decide regarding certain zone change requests as described below.

Date	Change Requested	Requested by	Determination
1/ 9/79	Buffer strip to "Business" near Jct 202/9	Wallace	Approved
2/27/79	Extend "Business" zone at Collis Prop. on the Common	Ludlow Savings	Approved
3/ 6/79	"Agriculture" to "Business" for conven. store, N. Liberty St. S. Belchertown	Moineaux	Approved
4/23/79	"Business" to "Multi-family", Amherst Rd. near Town House Rest.	Lemire	Not approved
9/25/79	"Residential" to "Business" near Crown Apts., Rt. 9	Della Russo	(Pending)

BOARD & STAFF CHANGES

In early October the Planning Board reluctantly accepted the resignation of Bruno Land who found that

a job promotion placed demands on his time which made continued service to the Town impossible. Fortunately, six fine citizens offered to serve, and Ms. Helen Gibson was selected at a joint meeting with the Selectmen. Her fellow Board members look forward to the energetic membership she has already displayed.

In August, Brenda Chadbourne, the Board's part time clerk, departed us in favor of the Hallowed Haals of Ivy with best wishes from the Board for scholarly success. Brenda was replaced by Ms. Denise Miller who has assumed her new responsibilities efficiently.

Relevant Statistics

Meetings 36;	Public Hearing 17
Frontage lots approved:	101
Building Permits granted	
(Single-family homes):	60
(Multi-family units):	0

Subdivisions	Number of Lots
Approved: 3	55
Disapproved: 2	22
Decisions pending: none	

SUMMARY

Altogether it has been another demanding year. With the Subdivision Regulations and Zoning Bylaw updated, we may be able to attempt more activities of a "planning" nature. Perhaps we can select specific land-use needs and consider them carefully against the backdrop of land characteristics. All citizens are always welcome to join us in these efforts. Toward this end the Board will try to keep citizens informed and alerted.

We look forward to serving you to the best of our abilities as time allows.

Respectfully submitted,
William M. Cary, Chairman and
Delegate to LPVRPC
Stephen Lanphear,
Vice-Chairman
Donald S. Cole, Clerk
Daniel Fitzpatrick
Helen Gibson



Belchertown Citizens' Planning Program

The Belchertown Citizens' Planning Program has had two goals toward which its staff and dozens of citizens have worked since October 1978. First, the program has worked toward preparing "a plan which can direct the growth and develop the resources of Belchertown, Massachusetts." Second, the program has attempted to involve as many citizens as possible in the preparation of the plan. Our goal has been "to inform citizens sufficiently to enable them to be knowledgeable contributors to the planning decisions that are made."

The Citizens' Planning Program has achieved both of these goals.

PERFORMANCE REPORT

SECOND QUARTER-JANUARY 1-MARCH 30, 1979

From January through March of 1979, the Citizens' Planning Program successfully involved nearly 100 citizens in the work of planning for the growth of the Town. Work in this quarter included the following types of activities: an inventory and assessment of existing conditions which are affecting the town; the development of alternative strategies to address the most pressing concerns of the town; public education on planning issues and options; the planning of the intensive workshop to be held in the month of April.

By the end of January, the Citizens' Planning Program benefitted from the participation and guidance of a Steering Committee. The Steering Committee has been appointed as an official committee of the town, by majority vote of the Board of Selectmen. The first meeting was held January 25th. Since that time, the Steering Committee has met weekly, addressing the planning problems of the Town and hearing presentations from its elected and appointed officials. The Committee has discussed the following major topics: residential growth, public health, sewers, water supply, highways and roads, schools. The discussions were well attended. The meetings, of course, were advertised and open to the public.

In addition to involving the Steering Committee, the program held large public meetings once a month. These meetings attracted as many as 40 citizens. The purposes of the meetings included informing the town about the program, gathering ideas and suggestions and announcing upcoming meetings and events.

During the second quarter, the program staff, assisted by over a dozen "knowledgeable and interested community residents", conducted research into a variety of issues, gathered information on many aspects of the town, including its land, economy, natural resources, people, financial resources and governmental institutions. The program also benefitted from the participation of six student interns from neighboring colleges and universities, who also conducted research and assisted the residents. The research and its outcomes are summarized below:

1. A profile of the town's population and rates of growth was prepared. This was done by the regional planning agency, under contract with the Planning

Program. It showed that Belchertown's population growth exceeded all predictions for the decade.

2. A survey of property transactions was completed. It showed that the town has grown rapidly by gaining population from two adjoining areas within the region. It further showed that housing values in the town are relatively low for the region.

3. A study of the town's economy was conducted. It showed that a large potential exists for new enterprises offering a wide variety of retail goods and services. Plans are now underway to assist local individuals to break ground for a new shopping center.

4. Research into the potential for development of the town's privately owned forest land as a source of forest products has also been undertaken. It shows that the town, with 72 percent of its land in forests, can create new jobs and income for the town by beginning more intensive forest management.

5. Extensive research into the natural resource base of the town has been nearly completed, as part of the Natural Resource Planning Program of the USDA Soil Conservation Service. The research shows that the town has several important natural resources, which require good planning and management.

- approximately 10 percent of the town consists of prime agricultural land (class I and class II soils)

- extensive portions of the town are well suited to timber production, with two areas, in particular, capable of moderately high production by national standards

- the bulk of the town soils have severe limitations for sub-surface sewage disposal, implying the need for well planned development to prevent public health problems

- problems of wet basements, runoff, erosion and water quality are not uncommon in the town, suggesting the need for good site planning and growth management

6. A study of the structure of town government has been conducted, showing the roles and responsibilities of town Boards and Committees, for the benefit of their new members.

7. A survey of new residents is underway, to predict the need for additional school space.

In addition to these research projects, the program has held discussions which have identified four areas of principle concern for the program as a whole. These topics are residential growth, economic development, forest and farmland management, and town services and facilities. Together, these four topics account for the crucial subjects to be contained in the town's growth management plan.

All of the tasks outlined above involve public education, and of course all the meetings of the program involve the transfer of information about planning and government. The work of preparing an inventory has led to the preparation of written and graphic material (maps) which have had educational as well as analytic value.

But, in addition to the products already described, the program has prepared several other documents for educational purposes. One, titled "The Elements of a Growth Management Program," describes the four elements of a comprehensive growth plan. The document introduces citizens to the broad context of growth planning.

The other document is a two page flyer, to be handed out by the Town Board of Health. Entitled "Septic Tank and Cesspool Operation and Maintenance," it describes the nature of subsurface sewage disposal systems, and the need for maintaining them. Five hundred copies were provided through the Planning Program, for use by the Board of Health.

FOREST MANAGEMENT SPECIAL MEETING

Wednesday, April 25, two days before the weekend workshop began, the Planning Program sponsored a meeting for all residents of the town, and neighboring towns, who owned more than ten acres of land in Belchertown. The purpose of the meeting was to inform these individuals about the opportunities which exist for forest management, and the benefits to the individual and the public which would result from the wise use of forest land.

Personal letters went out to over three hundred owners of land. Approximately fifteen percent of those contacted attended the evening session, where they heard presentations from the District Forester of the Massachusetts Department of Natural Resources and the Chairman of the Institute for Community Economics.

This meeting led to further investigations on the part of several land owners into appropriate forest management practices for their land. Many of the attendees returned several days later to join the forest and farm land workshop on Saturday.

CHARRETTE

From April 27 to April 29, 1979, over 100 citizens and guests gathered in the Belchertown High School to prepare an Action Plan for Belchertown's future. This intensive weekend workshop brought together local citizens, planners, elected officials of the state and local levels and residents of neighboring towns, to discuss rural development issues which will affect Belchertown's future. The Weekend Workshop, which produced the Action Plan, convened Friday evening, April 27, with opening remarks provided by the State Senator representing the Belchertown area. Citizens benefited from several audio-visual presentations on farm land issues, local government management, and planning for residential growth. After viewing the presentations and discussing their importance, the people gathered for informal discussion and refreshments. Each participant received a package of materials. Saturday's work focused on four workshops. The topics were residential growth, economic development, forest and farmland management and town services and facilities. This was printed up in large quantity for public review and comment. The results of the meetings and discussions

has been a series of priorities which indicate recommendations to be implemented this year.

After the Weekend Workshop, the Selectmen reaffirmed the results of a meeting held in March, at which members of all town boards and committees voted to make zoning their top priority for the program year.

May 7th, the Steering Committee of the program met to determine their priorities. Zoning was a clear first choice. This setting of priorities has been very constructive because it has allowed the town to focus attention and energy on a more limited number of goals, to be achieved during this program year. While some work begun this year will show results one or more years in the future, the steps taken now will lead to the achievement of still more Action Plan goals in coming years.

IMPLEMENTATION

Unlike so many other projects which complete the plans at the termination of the program or contract, the Belchertown Citizens' Planning Program has moved "from paper to action" within the original program year, as planned. During the months of May and June, the program took action on several of the recommendations contained on the Action Plan.

a. Zoning and Land Use. The program staff presented two portions of the evolving proposal for land use regulations. May 31, 1979, at a public meeting, citizens met and discussed preliminary ideas for residential zoning in Belchertown, as a result of an extensive mailed announcement. Similarly, June 28th, citizens met to discuss proposals for business zoning. Both proposals are being developed for consideration and ratification by town meeting this fall.

b. Open Space and Recreation Planning. The program began preparing a Master Plan for Open Space and Recreation for the town. The plan will be completed in draft form by the end of the program year. To assist in the achievement of this goal, an intern has been added to the program staff for the summer months.

c. Health Code Enforcement. As a result of discussions on the administration and enforcement of the health and environmental codes, which included several discussions at Steering Committee meetings during the winter and spring, the town Board of Health has taken steps to hire a professional Sanitarian. The Board hopes to achieve this goal during the program year.

d. Economic Development Planning and Town Services. The town has formed a committee of citizens to work with the Massachusetts Department of Mental Health, who owns and operates the Belchertown State School, a resident facility for the mentally handicapped in the town of Belchertown. This facility is gradually closing down its buildings and its residents are moving into neighboring communities and half-way houses. The closing of the School poses many important questions for the town, which are outlined in the Action Plan. The committee is working

with officials to prepare a Master Plan for the re-use of the campus facilities, which offer many challenging opportunities for job creation and other adaptive re-use.

While work on this project is beginning in this action year, the work of preparing such a Master Plan, with the cooperation and endorsement of appropriate state and local officials, is a task which will require several years. The school plans to complete its phase-down by 1982. The goal of the citizen committee during this program year is the assembling of basic data, which will enable them to begin their work for the actual Master Plan during the coming year.

This task is of great importance to the town, and it is one which will shape the character, economic opportunities, and employment picture in the town for years to come. Over 400 residents of Belchertown are employed at the School, with 1,000 more in neighboring communities.

The culmination of the program's work occurred during the last week of October and the first of November. Over 400 citizens attended special Town Meetings convened to approve a comprehensive package of amendments to the Town's Zoning Bylaws. By overwhelming margins, citizens approved all 21

articles on the warrant for these meetings. The meetings were the last step in a long journey and they were the result of the concerted efforts of the Steering Committee of the Planning Program, and the assistance of the Citizen Involvement Coordinator, who began work in the town during the month of August. Support for that position was provided by the New England Municipal Center, from a grant from the Charles Stuart Mott Foundation. The grant had been awarded to the town in recognition of the extensive and successful Citizens' Planning Program which began and has operated with Farmers Home Administration support.

In addition to the zoning revisions, the Planning Program has completed the groundwork for the submission of a Comprehensive Recreation and Open Space Plan. This plan compliments the Zoning Bylaws, focusing on the natural resource preservation and recreation needs of Belchertown.

The two plans enable the town of Belchertown to manage both its man-made and its natural environment. Together, the plans and ordinances provide the basis for an attractive, well-planned and diverse community.

Citizen Participation Project

Belchertown received funds for a Citizen Participation Project in August of 1979 from the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation. Belchertown is part of a regional study in citizen participation for small rural communities. The purpose of the program is finding a means of continuing and enhancing citizen participation as part of the decision-making process of local government. Citizen participation can result in improved delivery of public services that are more responsive to the needs of the community. Active citizen involvement helps set priorities and helps local officials carry them out.

The \$4,000 received is being used for supporting the part time position of Citizen Participation Coordinator. Administration and evaluation of a series of local citizen participation related projects are the duties of this position. Results of the projects are being monitored by NEMC. NEMC hopes to design a model program in citizen participation for the benefit of other communities who wish to use it.

The first Belchertown project began with the citizen education and support campaign for passage of the 22 Zoning Bylaw revisions last October. The Citizens Planning Program, town officials and other interested citizens worked together to achieve a meaningful and necessary change in the town's zoning ordinance to meet the needs of our changing community. The responses of the citizens, both positive and negative, revealed the many ways citizens can be motivated into taking part in the decision making process, in this

case, the Town Meeting vote.

The importance of an informed public cannot be under-emphasized. We have learned much from the successes and failures at educating the Belchertown voters on this issue. At the end of the program year, June 30, 1980, this knowledge will be incorporated into the model by NEMC staff.

The remainder of the project will focus on the town government itself and the citizens themselves. We will attempt to answer the following questions. How do these factions communicate? Does our present form of government have a structure that effectively meets the needs of the town? Do citizens understand and meet their responsibility of being part of a Town Meeting form of government so that decisions represent the Town, not special interest groups? If not, will citizen education help? Will citizens with professional expertise or casual interest in the matters of town services be willing to devote some of their time to assist Town Boards in their projects? Can this activity save the town tax dollars?

Some activities planned for the remaining months include a "Know Your Town Government Handbook," a citizens directory for the Town Boards, research and study of alternative forms of government, and voter participation drives, another spring workshop for citizens to acquaint themselves with the town and set new priorities and working with other citizens or citizens' groups to help them express their concerns to the government cooperatively.

Of course, the success of this project is dependent upon you, the citizen. Citizen volunteers are a very valuable resource for the town. Belchertown voters serve a very important function in establishing future policy. You make the difference in Belchertown.

Please feel free to contact me in care of Lawrence Memorial Hall. We'd love to hear from you.

Respectfully submitted,
JoAnne Newman
Citizen Participation
Coordinator

Dog Officer's Report

Strays	153
Investigations	130
Dogs Hit by Cars	21
Found Owners	39
\$10.00 Kennel Licenses	61
\$20.00 Kennel Licenses	3
\$50.00 Kennel Licenses	0
Regular Licenses	1,257

All dogs over three months old should be licensed by April 1. This year there were 79 late payers who were fined \$10.00 each.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry R. Chevalier
Assistant Dog Officer

Report of the Sewer Commission

Once again with the beginning of a new year, it is time to review our work and progress of the past year.

During the year of 1979 we are pleased to report that a new sewer line, which extends to Franklin School, and a pumping station for South Belchertown was completed, except for the connections to the homes which will be made in the spring of 1980, and at that time the South Belchertown sewage will be pumped to the Palmer treatment plant.

We feel that this was a much needed project because of the poor design of the old line and also the pollution to the river.

As for the sewer at the center of the Town, we carried out a system of regular maintenance, of clearing brush from our right of way and regularly checking the trouble spots. We also added the connections to the apartments at the Mill Hollow project and a connection to the new Ludlow Savings Bank project.

Respectfully submitted,
Preston Atwood
Harry L. Brougham

Report of the Board of Appeals

During the year of 1979, the Board of Appeals conducted 10 hearings. All of these were concerned with special permits. There were no requests for variances, either for uses or from density requirements. While four gravel bank permits were authorized, one was surrendered and one was for improvement of the owner's premises. The board has limited the time period for commercial operations and imposed tighter restrictions. With this it appears that there is a reduction in requests for gravel permits.

The Board of Appeals has been given a greater responsibility in the special permit area under the recent amendment of the the Zoning Bylaw. There has been no increase in the workload of the Board as yet. In the event that such does occur, the Board will have to consider the appointment of a Zoning Administrator to carry out some of the Board's powers and duties, leaving the Board to function as an appellate agency.

Respectfully submitted,

William D. McCarthy,	Paul F. Downing,
Chairman	Member
Robert B. MacPherson,	Patrick Kamins,
Clerk	Alternate Member
	Dale Cox,
	Alternate Member

Cemetery Commission

The following is a report of the Belchertown Cemetery Department for the year ending December 31, 1979.

In the past year we performed twenty-four (24) burials. This is a decrease over past years and we all certainly hope that the trend catches on.

Not only do we spend the taxpayer's money on Cemetery maintenance, but we also return as much as possible to the town each year. The Cemetery Department is going to ask for a price increase on the cost of a burial lot at the annual Town Meeting. We all hope that the townspeople will support this article as it will eventually mean a decrease in the Cemetery Budget. The following sums of money were returned to the town during the past year:

Lot Opening Costs	\$2,275.00
Sale of Lots	630.00
Perpetual Care	270.00
TOTAL	\$3,175.00

We are pleased to say that the cemeteries have never been in better condition. Thanks to the efforts of Hodgen Landscape, Albert F. Nichols, and all of the C.E.T.A. work crew. Also a special thank you to Mr. Raymond Burke for all the time he so generously gave to instruct and supervise the rebuilding of the stonewall at South Cemetery.

Respectfully Submitted,
Paul C. Cook, Chairman
Floyd R. Peeso
Daniel W. MacPhee



Fire Department Report

As Fire Chief and Forest Warden, I hereby submit the following for the annual report of the Fire Department.

Internally this past year, the fire station received a much needed repair and refinishing up-lift which was accomplished chiefly by the support of our liaison officer Mr. Raymond Peetz and the other members of the Board of Selectmen. Among the many improvements, a Fire Alarm system was installed, a very important part of the total project. Mr. Joe Chunglo and his crew are to be commended for a job well done.

Our 50th anniversary celebration has now come to pass and I would like to express our thanks to all concerned for making it a special year, not only to those who participated, but also to those that showed their support in various ways. To mention a few, the Veterans of Foreign Wars for the great meals served and other considerations shown; to the Police Department for a job well done in traffic control; the High School Band and all other groups which participated in the Fire Parade. A great big thanks to all.

Another very important event this past year was the receipt of the Lukas Rescue System. This name might

be foreign to most, but for clarification, the name "Rescue Jaws" (used by another company) might be more familiar to most. Since we have received the tools, we have used them only for drill purposes, which has made us all very happy. Unfortunately, on the night of January 23, this department received a request to assist Ware Fire Department at a vehicle crash scene in which four persons were trapped inside. I am happy to report that after the extrication was completed, all four victims survived the long ordeal. We were most pleased with the performance of the Lukas equipment. This department is most grateful to the local Junior Chamber of Commerce who sponsored a drive for the purchase of this important piece of equipment and to all who donated both time and contributions toward their goal. It does point up what community effort and volunteer work can accomplish.

Open burning season is now at hand, between the dates of January 15 through April 30. Burning is permitted by permits only and may be secured at the fire station every Saturday and Sunday morning between the hours of 9 a.m. and 12 noon.

The Hampshire County Mutual Aid Association of which we are a member, sponsored a school in Basic

Firefighting this past summer. Each department in the county was able to sponsor six men to rotate through the six areas of training. The trainees who successfully completed the school were awarded a certificate and credits from the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy. Belchertown operated the "Smoke-House School" at one of the buildings loaned to us for drill purposes on Belchertown State School property for which we were most grateful. The purpose of this type of training is in the use of Scott Air Packs in life supporting situations. This coming season will also see the "Ladder" school moved into Belchertown because of the ideal construction of this building. It is one of the best in the County for these types of drillings.

Along with the County drilling, we have had continuous internal drills with the equipment and I would make mention of the continued support of both of the auxiliary groups under the leadership of Assistant Chief Donald Bock and Lt. David Hodgen, a most competent group of future firefighters is being developed. This past year, three members who served in these groups were brought up as regular members, namely James Hodgen, David Gay and Mark Jackson, who have to date, proven their worth as regular members. George Bach was appointed as a regular in a dual role as Chaplain and firefighter. George, to the best of my knowledge, is the first appointed chaplain this department has had. To all new members, welcome aboard.

This department in the past has enjoyed the support of you, the taxpayer, in our request for new or replacement equipment for firefighting at the annual Town Meeting. We genuinely accept this as a vote of confidence in our efforts to better serve the town for the protection of life and property. This coming year,

perhaps the biggest project will be in the up-grading of our present communications system. The age of this equipment ranges from 28 years old on down to the latest mobile radio which is now three years old. This is almost unheard of in today's world of electronic equipment. New and more efficient radios are needed at this time, having built in capabilities for expanded use in looking down the road in future years. Along with the needs for this new equipment, I would also make mention that we are in the stages of planning to have all emergency calls pertaining to this department be received by the Amherst Fire Department Dispatching Center which is manned by professional emergency dispatchers. If this program is accepted, this can mean only improved services to the townspeople.

I do strongly wish to point out that the monies which we will be asking for at the appropriations meeting is for the needed new equipment, which we will have to purchase whether we do or do not use Amherst as our dispatching center. That portion of the cost, Amherst dispatching, is very minimal to the town now or in the future. No way can it reach the proportions that central dispatching in Belchertown would cost. Not to mention the initial cost of dispatching, a place to operate from, plus the cost of yearly salaries for (6???) dispatchers would be quite staggering if for any benefits to be gained from that type of dispatching. What I am attempting to accomplish by making a change at this time, is to avoid being without an emergency reporting service when the time comes when Belchertown State School phases out and closes its doors.

Again this department is especially grateful for the vote of confidence shown to us at the annual





appropriations meeting for granting approval of our budget requests. Thanks also to another support group are due to Chief Gay and his men of the Police Department. Also, this department is enjoying and maintaining a good working relationship both in sharing in mutual aid when needed and also in combined training practices and drills with the immediate surrounding towns, namely, Ware, Palmer, Three Rivers, Bondsville, Ludlow, Pelham, Granby, South Hadley, M.D.C. and Amherst. To all of these departments we owe a word of gratitude.

We must all be aware of the services rendered by the staff of telephone operators at the Belchertown State School, for without this group, the call for HELP might not ever be heard. Thank you one and all for a job well done.

As the demands and activities of the department increase proportionately with the towns growth, I wish to acknowledge my appreciation to the membership of the Belchertown Fire Department for their dedication and support. A more loyal group would be hard to find anywhere and all in the name of a "Volunteer."

Before presenting the "Stats", I would like to present a little food for thought:

The responsibility charged to a fire department is for the protection of life and property. Consider the following numbers:

Belchertown — second largest town in Mass.

60 sq. mi.	
Presently	8,000 souls
Buildings	2500-3000
Firemen (Volunteers)	32!!!

The following figures for the years 1977, 1978 and 1979. The largest increase demanding responses (silent runs) was in the category of Investigations, which more than tripled this year. Total responses numbered 211 calls, an increase of 9 over 1978 and an increase of 38 over 1977. The breakdown is as follows:

Types	1979	1978	1976
Building Fires	32	48	44

Chimney Fires	26	25	9
Mobile Homes	2	1	0
Vehicles	27	35	26
Rescues	2	4	2
Utility Poles & Wires	7	1	9
Dump Runs	2	1	1
Forest & Grass Fires	35	49	40
False Alarms	17	18	11
Investigations	59	18	—
Searches			
(Missing Persons)	—	1	1
Mutual Aid	2	1	2
Truck Mileage	1226.5	1208.5	847
Hours of			
fire suppression	179.5	185.99	168.24
Total Man Hours of			
Fire Suppression	2327	3136.94	2770
Average Member			
Responses	52.55%	49.14%	48%
Loss of Life:			
Fire	—	1	—
Vehicle	2	3	2
Drowning	—	1	1
Total Estimated Loss			
to Buildings	\$41,850	183,050	43,700
Total Estimated Loss			
for Contents	\$8,760	71,500	29,250
Total Estimated Loss			
for Vehicles	\$76,250	37,045	31,525

Belchertown Fire Department Personnel

Fire Chief	Raymond R. Menard
Assistant Chief	Donald Bock
Deputy Chief	Carl Peterson, Jr.
Deputy Chief	Louis Fuller
Captain	Harry Brougham
Lieutenant	David Hodgen
Lieutenant	Samuel Joyal
Lieutenant	Edward Fuller
Lieutenant	Hugh Hubbard, Jr.
Chaplain	George Bach

Members

Timothy Lofland	Herbert Wood
Irving Hislop	Richard Knight
William Shattuck	Raymond Peeso
Kenneth Thayer	David Auclair
Bruce Officer	Paul Greene
Thomas Fuller	Roy Reece, Jr.
Benjamin Williams	George Greule
Albert Dewhurst	Larry Barthelette
Richard McGinnis	Walter Newth
James Hodgen	Mark Jackson
David Gay	Sherman Gould

Respectfully submitted,
Raymond R. Menard
Fire Chief

Police Department

Message from the Chief to the Citizens of Belchertown:
As we approach the decade of the eighties, I would like to pause for a moment and reflect upon the past and only imagine what you will expect from you police department in the future.

In the early seventies, I was the only full time person working along with part time officers. We saw our first full time officer appointed in 1974 and this past August two more men joined the ranks of full time patrolmen, bringing the total to seven full time members. This consists of a Chief, one Sergeant and five patrolmen, in addition to six part time patrolmen, two policewomen and two church officers.

In 1970 we had two cruisers. We received our third cruiser in 1975 from the Governor's Highway Safety Program, which was of no cost to the town.

The growth of the town, along with the explosive events that are reshaping our society will bring an even greater change to police departments. For this reason, I feel this department must continue to grow in strength and number. Citizens recognition and support of these facts are needed.

Crimes committed in the past decade have at least doubled and tripled in many categories nationwide. Statisticians predict crime will continue to rise but perhaps at a slower pace, and move from the cities to suburban areas. Belchertown was no exception to this fact. We too have seen the rise in crime in a number of categories.

Department Activities

Complaints	4,113
Accidents Investigated	310
Doors and windows (found open)	901
House checks	701
Protective Custody	43
Fatal Accidents	3
Ambulance Trips and Emergency Runs	343

1979 Court Offenses

Assault and Battery	16
Assault with intent to Rape	1
Assault with intent to Murder	1
Robbery	1
Larceny	14
Forgery	2
Receiving Stolen Property	2
Non-Support	4
Surities to Keep the Peace	2
Vandalism	4
Trespassing	8
Breaking and Entering	6
Kidnapping	1
Fish and Game Laws	16
Firearms	7
Disorderly Conduct	15
Narcotic Law	24
Speed	451
Stop sign violations (and lights)	213

Leaving the scene of an accident	13
No License/Registration/Insurance	126
Attaching plates	3
Driving after Revocation	8
Failure to stop for Police Officer	6
No Stickers	40
Driving under the Influence	59
Driving to Endanger	23
All other offenses (except auto)	171
Liquor Law under 20 yrs. old	35
Contributing to Delinquency of Minor	1
Unlicensed Dogs	79
Juvenile Cases	75
TOTAL CASES	1427

Through experience I am convinced that there is one essential ingredient to effective law enforcement, that is cooperation. Cooperation from John Q. Public. At this point, I ask that each and every citizen assist us in our endeavor to make our town a safer place to rside in. You can do this by reporting suspicious activities in your neighborhood.

This past year the town has received financial reimbursement from the court system. It now comes under the jurisdiction of the state, no longer the county, resulting in the fines paid to the court for citations issued by officers being returned to the towns and cities. A total of \$21,005 was forwarded to Belchertown.

My thoughts for the future are to see all shifts covered by at least two officers, a communications center for the town, possibly operating from the police department, more training offered to officers in special fields, programs set up to assist juveniles and safety programs.

In conclusion, I wish to express my thanks to all townspeople, all departments and Mr. Peetz, our Liaison, for their cooperation.

Sincerely,
Ernest M. Gay
Chief of Police

Personnel Board

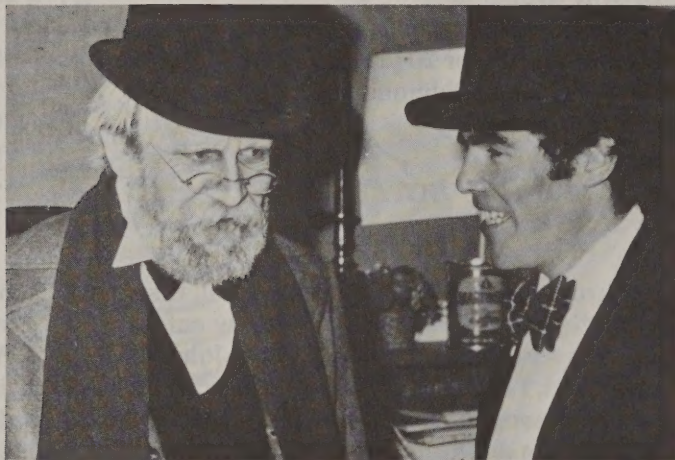
The Personnel Board is now going into its fifth year of existence under the present town Personnel Bylaw.

The Board has maintained an ongoing review of the job classifications for those positions under the Bylaw.

The Board also has reviewed the compensation chart in relation to other towns in the surrounding area and with the other job markets to keep the chart on a fair and equitable level.

Respectfully submitted,
JoAnn Gavin,
Chairman
George Gruele
Howard Atkins

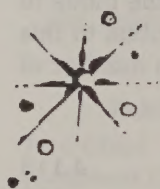
Belchertown's 1979



Bah! Humbug!



Come With Me . . .



Surprise, Surprise



Ah, Mom

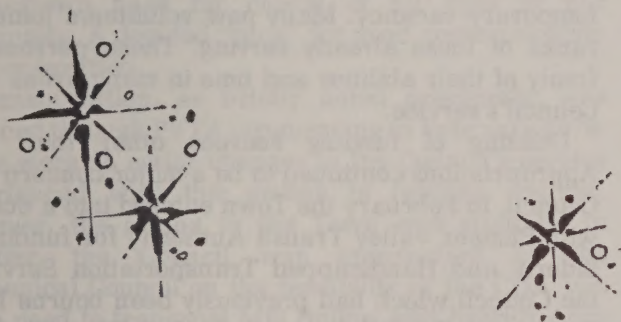
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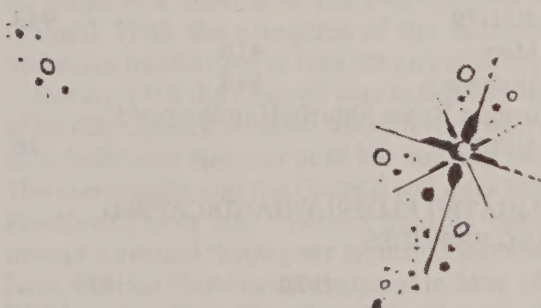
Almost Showtime



The Whole Gang



Christmas Carols



Double Blessing

Council on Aging

The 1979 increases in Belchertown's elderly population were due primarily to the opening of Mill Hollow Apartments for the Elderly, increased numbers of retired residents at Pine Valley Plantation, a sizeable increase in the number of residents reaching the age of 60, an increase in the number of non-elderly handicapped availing themselves of Council services and an increased reliance on services by an increased number of elderly. These factors have created a decided rise in Council on Aging "units of serve" which can best be indicated statistically.

I. ELDERLY/HANDICAPPED POPULATION PROFILE

(Residents 60 and over and those legally handicapped)

Number Community Elderly/Handicapped —		
1/1/79		795
Men	366	
Women	429	
Number Nursing Home Elderly/Handicapped —		
1/1/79		19
New Elderly/Handicapped during 1979		
(new residents + those 60)	193	
Elderly/Handicapped Moved from Town in 1979	31	
Elderly/Handicapped deceased in 1979	24	
Number Community Elderly/Handicapped —		
12/31/79		933
Men	415	
Women	518	
Number Nursing Home Elderly/Handicapped —		
12/31/79		18

II. UNDUPLICATED ELDERLY/HANDICAPPED UTILIZING SERVICES:

Service	1978		1979	
	No.	% (of 795)	No.	% (of 933)
Outreach	175	22.0	342	36.7
Health	237	29.8	366	39.2
Nutrition	192	24.2	254	27.2
Transportation	126	15.9	246	26.4
Activities	168	21.1	330	35.4

III. INCREASE IN USE OF COUNCIL'S MULTI-PURPOSE CENTER SERVICES:

Service	1977	1978	1979
Total Participants			
— Center	8,218	9,225	14,314
Health Related	1,104	1,009	1,086
Nutrition Related	1,779	1,833	1,900
Activities	4,564	4,068	9,074
Drop-Ins	—	2,315	2,254
First Contact	85	64	128
Total Nutrition			
Participants	6,351	7,850	10,738
Meals on Wheels	3,330	4,781	7,091
Pathfinder (transported)	1,255	1,236	1,698
Center Luncheons	1,779	1,833	1,869

Transportation —

Total Participants ¹	—	—	—
Total Trips	—	—	12,010
Total Miles	—	—	38,273
Total Outreach	869	1,377	1,128
Health Related	280	863	231
General	535	494	736
First Contact	55	20	131
Telephone Home Visitation	793	979	912
Information & Referral	286	252	425
Home Care (Title XX)	27	32	23
Special Trips	15	29	13
People Participating	—	724	634
Volunteers (unduplicated)	49	42	50
Total Volunteer Hours	1,656	1,783	2,259

All Council Transportation is PVTA funded, and their required statistical records have no comparison with previous year's statistics.

Only a few changes took place in the Council's staffing during the year. Kathryn Roche, University of Massachusetts Work-Study, joined staff mid-year as the Council's primary Outreach person. Mary Peeso requested and was granted a temporary leave of absence. Elda Chapman was hired to fill this temporary vacancy. Many new volunteers joined the ranks of those already serving. These persons give freely of their abilities and time in many areas of the Council's service.

Utilizing of funding sources other than Town Appropriations continued to be a major concern of the Council. In February the Town entered into a contract with Pioneer Valley Transit Authority for funding the Elderly and Handicapped Transportation Service of the Council which had previously been borne by the Town and the Belchertown Senior Citizens' Center Association Inc. jointly. The Association funds freed up by PVTA's transportation contract were directed to COA budget items previously covered by Town Appropriation; specifically — Newsletter costs, office supplies, craft and activity cost. Funding through the Older Americans Act continued to be used extensively for salaries of the Council's two Senior Aides, grants which saw the completion of the Kitchen Renovation Project and nearer the end of 1979, the start up of the Energy Crisis Outreach Project, indirectly health grants to Quaboag Visiting Nurse Association which enabled Belchertown's elderly to have Nurse Practitioners and Health Aide services available.

Over \$40,000 of SSA Title XX funds came into Belchertown to provide Homemaker assistance to 46 elderly during the year. Holyoke-Chicopee Regional Senior Services Corporation is the regional Area Agency on Aging through which all Older American Act monies and Title XX services are made available to our residents. A contract between UMass and the Association paid the salary of the Work-Study person on staff — 80 percent federal — 20 percent local.

Nutritional services, an ongoing priority of the Council, experienced no changes except for the number of seniors and handicapped availing themselves of these varied nutritional services during the year.

Health services, another top priority, were broadened by important new programs. First, the agreement with Parks and Recreation for bi-weekly Exercise Classes planned and led by Marie Brighenti and Kelli Short. Secondly, the Geriatric Nurse Practitioner certification which our Visiting Nurse, Rose Tyburski, received mid-year. This enabled her to work closely with the physicians on "in-home" care to the homebound and also to work with the Staff RN in more extensive health education at the Center.

Finally, an intensive "Better Breathing" program sponsored by Western Mass. Lung Association was commenced on a weekly basis early in the year and has continued in the fall on a monthly "refresher" basis. The 1979 Health Fair and the Fall Influenza Clinic reached a surprisingly large number of the community's residents. The Council appreciates and acknowledges the cooperation of the community's professionals, the Mary Lane and Wing Memorial Hospitals and all others who work in such close cooperation to assure such a wide scope of health related services. Throughout 1979 Rose Tyburski, our visiting nurse, continued to use the Center as her Belchertown base for clients of all ages in our community. A decided "plus" for good communication and cooperation.

Transportation, as briefly noted previously, was financed through PVTa commencing in February 1979. There were no major changes in the Council's service experienced with this switch in funding sources. However, the saving to the Town was sizeable. In October, the Council was approached by the Ecumenical Council on the feasibility of the COA van being used to transport Mill Hollow and Everett Acre residents to Sunday services at the three churches in the Center of town. This practice is standard in many area Councils and the Council voted to grant this extension in transportation service. Drivers will be furnished by the churches and operating costs will be absorbed by the Transportation budget. A mobile unit, with tie-in to the Police radio, was purchased for emergency use in the van.

In June, the Energy Crisis and its obvious impact on our elderly became most evident. To attempt to meet this crisis realistically, the staff obtained a small Title IIIB grant for the salary of an Energy Crisis Outreach person. Since September this program has been in operation, and mainly it consists of individual contacts and re-contacts with well over 100 elderly residents. Simple weatherization is also a component, being done by Calico Crafts Staff and residents. By year's end nearly 40 elderly had received fuel assistance, many of whom would not have had it not been for the one-to-one assistance this project offered.

Other high priority services of the Council throughout the year were Outreach, Information &

Referral, trips, crafts, activities and Equipment Loan — which, with the exception of the salaries of staff involved, incurred no funding costs to the Town. These services all met vital needs of the elderly of our community and contributed greatly to the Council's Multi-Purpose Senior Center being the focal point for services within the community.

The Medical Equipment Loan Service operated by the Council for the community at large received two major contributions during the year. The Belchertown Snowmobile Club donated seven wheel chairs which were badly needed and greatly appreciated. Nearer the end of the year, the family of Barbara Henneman presented the Town with a gift of numerous items of durable medical equipment — wheel chairs, walkers, bath seats, toilet bars, quad-canes and water cushions. This second gift of 1979 enabled the Council to meet even more requests for equipment loan and we are most grateful for these thoughtful gifts.

Belchertown's size and rural characteristics and the absence of any community human service provider other than the COA has automatically led Council staff, with the sanction of the Selectmen, into involvement with all ages within our community in many areas of service. Most specifically Meals on Wheels, handicapped transportation, crisis intervention (emergency food, clothing, etc.)

The Emergency Food Closet which is kept stocked at all times is a service of the Belchertown Ecumenical Council. With the exception of the nutrition services, there are no charges or fees for any of these services.

During 1979 the Council was saddened by the death of former Council member Mary Avery who had served as a dedicated member until her move to Northampton. The community and the Council will miss Mary greatly. Bradford Purdy and William Squires decided not to accept a second three-year term and left the Council in June. Marion Harrington resigned in May after serving nearly six years. The Council will miss these three persons greatly and wishes to acknowledge their valuable service on the Council.

James Walker Sr. was appointed to the Council, but after only three months, resigned because of a move to Amherst. Rev. Fr. John Ayers accepted appointment to the Council effective July 1, 1979. Mary Clauss replaced Bradford Purdy as Chairman of the group. Ruby Martin accepted appointment as "member-at-large" for the Association.

In early 1979, the Selectmen received notification from HUD that the Community Development Block Grant in the amount of \$54,000 had been awarded to "render the Senior Center free of architectural barriers and to install curb cuts in the center of town." Since notification, progress has been slow and the end of 1979 saw the Community Advisory Committee appointed and Architects Inc. of Northampton selected as architects for the project. The Board of Selectmen, the Council and the Community Advisory Committee are working closely with the Board of Trustees of the Congregational Church, owners of the leased facility, in the development and construction phases of this

grant. Additional funds will be sought through the Older Americans Act to supplement the CDBG that the building may be brought up to State Building Code. A \$1,500 State Department of Elder Affairs Grant was also received during 1979 to be used solely for the purchase of tables and chairs for the Senior Center, additional funds will be sought to supplement this amount.

Belchertown's Council on Aging works closely with the Board of Selectmen through Shirley Dorey, our liaison with that Board. The Council also during 1979 welcomed Sophia Pero as liaison person between the

Belchertown Housing Authority and the Council.

Increased cooperation was evident during the year with Parks & Recreation. The Council appreciates the support and interest they have received from all departments of local government, community organizations and individuals. We anticipate 1980 as a year of further developments in cooperation among the departments of town government, community organizations and individuals.

Respectfully submitted,
Clare Oberly-Louise Wadsworth
COA Co-Directors

Energy Task Force

This is a new, all volunteer group, set up this year at Governor King's request to try to find the means to cope with any winter weather or fuel related emergencies that might arise. Despite a lack of concrete direction from the state, considerable progress was made in drawing up plans to be followed in a crisis.

Volunteers have been sought and found to assist in installation of fuel conservation measures in the homes of the elderly or handicapped. In this area, Belchertown has done itself proud in that it appears that on the whole, most people have done an excellent job of conserving energy even without outside help. The elderly, through the Council on Aging, have made tremendous strides in this area. We do have volunteers available for this type of work and anyone needing assistance should contact a member of the Task Force. We are currently working to free funds to pay for materials for this type of work. Current Hampshire Community Action Council rules will free

funds only if the work is done by qualified personnel.

Emergency fuel assistance is available through HCAC although a backlog of requests still exists at the Northampton office. Emergency shelter, congregate care, has been arranged at the Belchertown State School and a formal agreement between the BSS and the town is being worked out as this is written.

The chairman wishes to thank all the members of the Task Force who gave so freely of their time to make this year's effort a success. Special thanks is due Shirley Dorey for the many hours she has put in ironing out the details of many of our projects.

Respectfully submitted,
Virginia Ayersfi
Tom Blumstrom,
Chairman
James Chamberlain
Louis Fuller
Arlan Skinner
Louise Wadsworth
Nancy White

Historical Commission

After several years of research, the Historical Commission had compiled sufficient documentation of historical significance to nominate the center of Belchertown for inclusion in the National Register of Historical Places. The Commission was fortunate to have retained the services of Thomas J. Morgan of Northampton through the Hampshire County CETA program for part of this year. Mr. Morgan worked with Commission members and performed the arduous task of compiling data, photographing buildings, preparing the district map and necessary forms for the sixty-six (66) buildings included in the proposed district. The materials were all forwarded to the Massachusetts Historical Commission in June of 1979, beginning the process of review which will take one to two years.

The Center was chosen as the Town's first district because of its representation of nearly two hundred years of Belchertown's development, history and architecture. The center of Belchertown began to appear as we know it today when the Congregational Church, the 18th century seat of religion and local

government, was built in its present location in 1792. Stores, tradesmen's shops, and homes developed nearby. Possibly the only building still standing in the common area which precedes the church's construction is the current home of the Ludlow Savings Bank.

The buildings now standing represent the years of change. The graceful Greek Revivals of the early 19th century portray the time of the Town's importance as a commercial area. Later, history entails the coming of the railroad and the dying out of industry, when Belchertown's small shops which produced the handcrafted goods could no longer compete with the mass produced goods of the industrialized cities. The opulent Victorian residences reflect development as a resort community late in the 19th century. Early in the twentieth century, the arrival of the automobile was evidenced here by a new Ford agency followed by the typical neighborhood gas station. At about this time, money was left to the Town to erect a municipal building. As construction was being planned, the high

school was destroyed by fire, and frugal taxpayers utilized this legacy to erect a combination school and municipal building.

Changes still continue. The Ludlow Savings Bank's new facility is being erected on the site of the early 19th century homes of lawyer Joseph Bridgman and Dr. William Bridgman which were followed by a late 19th century summer residence erected for Senator Myron Walker.

While the constant changes in our center have documented our town's development and progress, the Commission and others throughout the country feel it is time the trend ceases or slows before our entire past is destroyed. It is with hope that others will share this feeling that historic districts are created. Throughout America, downtown areas and business districts have

deteriorated and "improvements" over the years have left many an old building a hodgepodge of architectural styles. A quick glance at the buildings around our Common area will reflect this past trend. However, a closer look will enable you to see the lines of many once simple Federal or Greek Revival buildings capable and deserving of many more years of usefulness and civic pride.

The Commission is now gathering research on other areas of Town and is in the process of planning publication of some of the data gathered during the historical survey.

Respectfully submitted,
Gerald G. Tremaine,
Chairman
Helen F. Lister
Suzanne Bay
Keith Bettencourt
Shirley A. Bock



Jonathan
Belcher

BELCHERTOWN CENTER HISTORIC DISTRICT

Belchertown, Massachusetts



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Intrusions

- A Post Office
- B Diane's Beauty Salon

9 E. Walnut St. 1961
25 Main St. c. 1940

Structure Dating Key

Map No.	Property Name	Street Address	Date	Style
1	Vernon Lodge/Farmer's Bank	1-5 Main St.	1825 & 1839-40	Greek Revival
2	Choquette's Market/Longley's Store	7 Main St.	prior to 1835	
3	Woodbridge & Clark	11 Main St.	1797-99	Federal
4	Philo Dickinson	15 Main St.	c.1815	Neoclassical Revival
5	Parsons	17 Main St.	c.1770 or 1800	Federal
6	Wright Bridgeman	23 Main St.	prior to 1796	Colonial
7	Bridgman Brick Block	29 Main St.	1839-40	Greek Revival
8	Methodist Church	31 Main St.	1823	Federal
9	Abel and Gideon Ames	41 Main St.	1813	Federal
10	Hazen/Finley	43 Main St.	1813-15	Neoclassical Revival
11	Nye/Kentfield	47 Main St.	1819-24	Georgian/Federal
12	Hopkins' Store	51 Main St.	1850's	Victorian
13	Hopkins	53 Main St.	1823	
14	Edwin R. Bridgman	55 Main St.	1815-19	Greek Revival
15	Jacob Carter	3 No. Main St.	c.1830-40	Greek Revival
16	Filer's Carriage Shop	5 No. Main St.	c.1840	
17	Undertaker's Block	9 No. Main St.	c.1840	
18	Filer's Storehouse	11 No. Main St.	c.1840	
19	Fire Station	10 No. Main St.	1902	
20	Common Pub/Park Lane Inn	5 E. Walnut St.	1900-1911	Colonial Revival
21	Mathras	21 E. Walnut St.	1921-22	
22	Franklin Dickinson	37 E. Walnut St.	c.1839	Late Federal
23	Wright Bridgman, Jr.	44 Park St.	1856	Greek Revival
24	Calvin Bridgman	38 Park St.	1846	Gothic Revival Cottage
25	Mason Shaw	32 Park St.	c.1822	Federal
26	Old Town Hall	28 Park	1865	Mixture: Greek/Victorian
27	Congregational Church	20 Park St.	1789-92	Modified Colonial/Federal
28	Parish House	18 Park St.	1888	Victorian
29	Catholic Church	12 Park St.	1836	semi-Greek Revival
30	Catholic Rectory	10 Park St.	c.1922	
31	Morey Block	4-6 Park St.	c.1895	Victorian
32	Henneman's Exxon	5 Jabish St.	1939	
33	Warren Reed	11 Jabish St.	1836	Federal
34	Old Bowling Alley	12 Jabish St.	c.1849	
35	Belchertown Motor Sales	8 Jabish St.	1918	Early 20th Century Modern
36	Lawrence Memorial Hall	2 Jabish St.	1923	1920's Gothic
37	Thurston/Finnerty	13 So. Main St.	c.1855	Cottage
38	Clapp Memorial Library	19 So. Main St.	1885	Romanesque
39	Levi Smith/Curtis	25 So. Main St.	c.1818	Greek Revival
40	T.P. Cowles/Bach	31 So. Main St.	c.1854	Cottage
41	Nehemiah Smith/Avery	33 So. Main St.	c.1825	Center-chimney farmhouse
42	Shumway/Suhm	39 So. Main St.	c.1840	Greek Revival
43	Montague (The Beehive House)	45 So. Main St.	c.1840	Greek Revival
44	Montague/Hislop Cottage	51 So. Main St.	c.1850	Greek Revival
45	Bartlett	55 So. Main St.	c.1860	Georgian Centennial Reproduction
46	Arnold/Peterson	60 So. Main St.	c.1830	Greek Revival
47	Kimball	56 So. Main St.	1852-55	
48	Orlando	54 So. Main St.	c.1908	Edwardian
49	Old Parsonage	48 So. Main St.	c.1828	Greek Revival
50	Tertius Cowles/Jackson	40 So. Main St.	c.1850	Greek Revival
51	James H. Clapp	32 So. Main St.	c.1810	Queen Anne
52	Mark Doolittle	26 So. Main St.	c.1810	Victorian/Queen Anne
53	Thompson/Dickinson	22 So. Main St.	1850's	Greek Revival
54	Hezekiah Walker	18 So. Main St.	c.1835	Greek Revival
55	Jonathan Dwight/Ward	10 So. Main St.	prior to 1805	Federal
56	Purdy	13 Maple St.	1856	
57	William Burnett	17 Maple St.	1855	Cottage
58	Towne	21 Maple St.	1886	Carpenter's Gothic
59	Downing	25 Maple St.	1938	Colonial Revival
60	Peeso	31 Maple St.	c.1876	Mansard Roofed Victorian
61	Blake/Alden	35 Maple St.	1855-60	Greek Revival
62	Henry Hoag	36 Maple St.	1887-88	Mansard Roofed Victorian
63	The Porter Cottage	30 Maple St.	c.1824	Cottage
64	The Stone House	20 Maple St.	1827	Greek Revival & Federal
65	John Spears	16 Maple St.	late 1840's	Greek Revival Cottage
66	Beers & Story	10 Maple St.	c.1939	Colonial Revival

Conservation Committee

The year 1979 was a year of many changes in membership for the Conservation Commission. Half of our current membership joined this past year, and the Commission added seven associate members, several of whom have been very active in Commission work.

Lines of communication with other boards and officers of the town have greatly improved in part through the tireless efforts of Joanne Newman and in part through having Selectman Gregg Dillard regularly attend our meetings. Past problems with flow of information have hopefully been corrected.

Many Commission members were involved with the Natural Resources Survey of Belchertown conducted during 1979. Formulation of recommendations on wetlands and agricultural preservation problems were discussed extensively at several commission meetings. One outcome of that work, the creation of a "wetlands overlay" to the Belchertown Zoning Map, should greatly facilitate enforcement of the Wetlands Protection Act. Questions on the applicability of that act took up more time than any other business last year. Numerous requests for determinations were received, site inspections were made, orders of conditions were issued and several public hearings were held. The Commission is working toward streamlining procedures for handling wetlands questions.

Three permanent committees have been established within the Conservation Commission: Wetlands, Agriculture, and Public Relations. One function of the Public Relations Committee is to utilize some of the diversified expertise of commission members to prepare newspaper articles of general public interest.

The Commission extends special thanks to Larry Smith, Chuck Dauchy, and Sam Seskin for providing a wealth of information and advice on conservation issues that grew out of the Natural Resources Survey.

Members

Geoffrey Brown
Robert P. Brooks

Alice Kuc

Louis Laframboise

Elizabeth Mruk

Frank Marcotte

Associate Members

Lars Bors-Koefoed

Walter Coombs

Virginia Dion

Joanne Newman

James Roman

Bruce Smith

Bill Spencer

Gregg Dillard

Housing Authority

The Belchertown Housing Authority has one 48-unit elderly housing complex. The project, Everett Acres, was built and is administered by the Authority under the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Chapter 667, Elderly Housing Program. Eligibility for the apartments is based on age or handicap and income with tenants paying 25 percent of their net monthly income for rents including utilities. While rents vary widely according to each income, the average rent is \$75 per month. Everett Acres is fully occupied and has a waiting list of

34 applicants. The budgeted operating cost for fiscal 1980 is \$63,082 with an anticipated deficit of \$17,575. Budget deficits and other costs of maintaining the apartments are funded by the State. The Housing Authority receives no funding from the Town of Belchertown.

This year the Authority also received an allocation of Federal funding to provide 15 units of rental assistance to low and moderate income individuals and families under the Department of Housing and Urban Development's Section 8 Housing Assistance Program for Existing Housing. This program was previously administered for the Town by the Housing Allowance Program, Inc. of Springfield, Mass. Under the Section 8 Program, income eligible persons are issued a certificate of participation and may rent privately owned apartments that meet the program's criteria anywhere in the community. Participants pay 25 percent of their income for rent and the Authority pays the difference between the tenant's share and the actual rent directly to the landlord. Two of the units allocated are to provide rental assistance to elderly, handicapped or disabled persons. Ten small families can be assisted under the allocation and three larger families.

In addition to the programs administered by the Authority, there are two privately owned subsidized complexes in which tenants pay 25 percent of their adjusted monthly income for rent with an allowance by the owner for electric use. Eighty-five percent of the 156 units at the Lord Jeffrey Apartments are fully subsidized under Farmers Home Rural Rental Assistance, a direct subsidy to the owner to make his units available to low income persons and families. The Mill Hollow Apartments, which opened this summer, contain 60 units and the owner receives a subsidy from the Section 8 New Construction program to make these units available for low and moderate income elderly, handicapped and disabled persons. The Mill Hollow Apartments are also fully occupied and combined with the Authority's program do much to meet our elderly's need for affordable housing in Belchertown.

Nearly all subsidized rental housing in Belchertown has been constructed within the last ten years. While the Town has not fully met its need for low and moderate income housing as indicated by the 1970 Federal Census, the effort made would appear to eliminate justification for the construction of any additional units either privately or publicly at this time. The Authority would prefer to utilize existing housing stock to provide any needed housing for low and moderate income renters until the results of the 1980 Federal Census are available to determine future housing needs.

Edmund F. Wallace,
Chairman
Sophia M. Pero
Arlan V. Skinner
Kenneth W. Thayer
Thomas C. Kubacki

Inspector of Buildings

In comparing the figures in the chart below, 1979's estimated cost of construction was down dramatically (\$2,000,000) however, one should consider that these figures only reflect the builders assumed cost, and generally, the assumption is on the low side. A more realistic cost would be approximately 20 percent higher or around \$5,000,000. Due to the economic situation, a stabilizing trend seems to have developed, as illustrated, by the 60 single family homes, as compared with 114 in 1978 and 134 in 1977. My personal feelings are that the single family constructions for 1980 will continue along this level unless of course, the economy booms — in which case, with the land that is available in Belchertown, a surge toward the 1977-1978 figure can be expected.

Violations of the Zoning Bylaws occurring this past year were in most cases resolved by immediate cessation. A few required formal citations, however, these were corrected before court action was necessary.

Once again, I would like to remind the citizens that zoning is accepted or denied through the town meeting process. Participation in the process hopefully would be by the majority of the voters and if this were the case, enforcement would eventually only be necessary in situations where the violation was wholly unintentional.

My appreciation to those of you who although, in violation of the Bylaws, viewed my presence at your door with courtesy and I sincerely hope my attitude reflected the same.

Appreciation is also extended via this report, to the Selectmen, all other Town Boards and especially to Marcel Archambault, Assistant Building Inspector for cooperation in matters assigned this office.

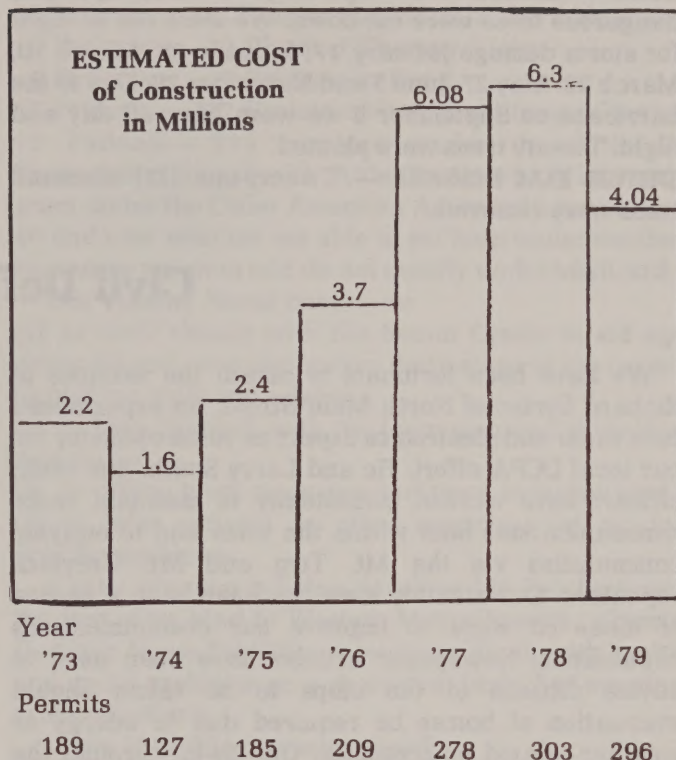
Respectfully submitted,
Elbert C. Ulshoeffer, Jr.

Inspector of Buildings
Zoning Enforcement Officer
Assistant Assessor

1979

Total permits issued	296
Type of permit:	60
Single Family Dwelling	60
Duplex	2
Business	6
Industrial	2
Mobile Homes	49
Public Buildings	2
Add/Alter/Repair	42
Sheds/Barns/Garages	41
Woodstoves/Chimneys	81
Demolitions	8
Pools	10
Renewals/others	3
Total Revenue Received:	
Building Permits:	\$10,321.10

Oil Burner Permits:	1,695.00
Certificate of Inspection:	250.00
TOTAL	\$12,266.10



Wiring Inspector's Report

A total of 152 wiring permits were issued in 1979 for a total permit fee of \$4,563. These permits created the need for 214 inspections by the inspector and the assistant inspector.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert J. Henrichon
Edward S. Czech

Plumbing Inspector's Report

During the year 1979 a total of 87 plumbing permits were approved and issued. Seventy (70) of this total were for new plumbing systems in residential buildings. Renovations and additions to existing systems totalled 11. The remaining six permits were for non-residential or commercial-industrial structures.

These permits plus ones previously issued generated a total of 181 inspections.

Respectfully submitted,
John P. Brunelle
Plumbing Inspector

Report of the Tree Warden and Superintendent of Insect Pest Control

TREE WARDEN — During the year thirty-eight (38) dangerous trees were cut down. We were out at night for storm damage January 17, January 25, March 10, March 22, May 27, June 5 and November 26. Due to the hurricane on September 6 we were busy all day and night. Twenty trees were planted.

DUTCH ELM DISEASE — Twenty-one (21) diseased trees were removed.

INSECT PEST CONTROL — Elm trees were sprayed twice with Methoxychlor to combat the spread of Dutch Elm Disease. We sprayed for Gypsy Moth plus Fall Web Worm. I injected three large elms with Lignasan BLP.

Respectfully submitted,
Albert W. Brown

Civil Defense Report

We have been fortunate to obtain the services of Richard Syriac of North Main Street, an experienced ham radio and electronics expert as radio operator for our local DCPA effort. He and Larry Smith, our radio officer, have worked consistently to maintain radio communications both within the town and to outlying communities via the Mt. Tom and Mt. Greylock repeaters. Our monthly meetings have been a source of ideas on ways to improve our communications capabilities. Newspaper articles have been used to advise citizens of the steps to be taken should evacuation of homes be required due to energy or weather-related emergencies. Our tie-in, through the Civil Defense Director to the Energy Task Force, has led to a useful cross-fertilization of ideas between the two groups.

Again this year, Belchertown has been spared any serious emergencies, eg: like the tornado that hit Windsor Locks, Connecticut. Interestingly enough, one of the most serious problems that arose following that disaster was the breakdown in communications. This

was a direct result of insufficient rehearsal of roles prior to the emergency: the help was available via ham radio operators, but through lack of training and discipline, the airwaves were quickly choked with irrelevant information that seriously hampered rescue efforts.

To avoid this sort of problem in Belchertown we need volunteers who will be willing to devote one to two hours a month to work out a communication system tying together by radio as much of the town as possible. Without prior training in procedures, all the best intentioned help in the world often only serves to compound a problem.

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas Blomstrom,
Director
Lawrence Smith,
Radio Officer
Richard Syriac,
Radio Officer

Board of Health Report

A very busy year for the Board of Health.

This year there were 101 percolation tests performed. These included both new and repairs. There were 97 permits issued for subsurface sewage disposal systems. Approximately 50 of these systems were installed and inspected.

This Board investigated and acted upon 25 citizen complaints. These ranged from minor infractions of the law to major violations of the State Sanitary Code,

including chemically contaminated wells.

This Board is also Working with the Ware Board of Health on sharing a Sanitarian and forming a Health District.

Respectfully submitted,
James Bonafini,
Chairman
Linda Snow
Frances Dudek

Report of the Animal Inspector

In 1979 I quarantined 24 dogs due to reports received from hospitals, doctors' offices and persons that were bitten.

I inspected 86 barns to meet with the state's requirement for an accurate animal count as well as conditions where animals are kept. The report was

submitted to Boston.

Dairy animals shipped into this state without proper papers were checked.

Respectfully submitted,
Stanley Antonovitch
Animal Inspector

Report of the Veterans' Service Department

The Veteran's Service Department has had an exceptional good year. Tuesday night office hours are utilized with applicant interviews, phone calls, request for help filling out IRS Tax Forms.

This year as last year, we are fortunate in not having a big caseload, which means that less of the taxpayers' dollars are being consumed by this department.

My secretary, as usual, is doing a fine job keeping up with the phone calls to Boston, area hospitals, doctors, druggists, and applicants. This year there is another decrease in my budget.

I wish to thank the Board of Selectmen, area physicians, druggists and the administrators of the Susan Bridgeman Fund for their cooperation in the past year.

Respectfully,
Earl F. Henrichon
Veteran's Agent

Report of the Sanitarian

During 1979, routine monthly inspections were made on all food service establishments and retail food service establishments. For the most part, the establishments complied with health regulations most of the time. Appropriate action was taken to insure compliance.

Monthly inspections of the two mobilhome parks were held. The condition of the parks was good. Completion of one park and the expansion of the other park is near.

One recreational camp for children was inspected. The condition of the camp was satisfactory and appeared to be well administered.

Inspection of the town beach was made monthly during the summer season. The condition of the area was well maintained.

Because of rain during the evening before Fair Day, I was unable to inspect all the fair booths. However, the Board of Health inspected the booths during the day of the fair.

Consultation was provided the Board of Health on many public health matters.

A very sincere thank you is extended the Board of Health for their cooperation during the year.

I wish to thank the people of Belchertown for giving me the fine cooperation that made my work that much more enjoyable.

Respectfully submitted,
John A. Brickett, R.S.
Agent-Sanitarian

Visiting Nurse Report

84 Patients—1907 Nursing Visits

29 Patients—1387 Homemaker/Homehealth Aide Visits

2 Patients— 12 Physical Therapy Visits

3 Patients— 46 Bridgeman Fund

17 Patients— 227 Geriatric Nurse Practitioner Grant

12 Patients— 224 serviced under the Title III Homemaker-Homehealth Aide Grant, which is a program under the Older American Act to help people age 60 and over who are not able to get help under another insurance program and do not qualify under Medicaid.

The Visiting Nurse continues:

(1) to work closely with the Senior Center to aid age group 60 and over and makes daily stops at the center to pick up calls and referrals.

(2) to keep in touch with the town communicable disease nurse.

(3) to utilize town resources and town organizations.

(4) to refer patients to other agencies, set up for specific problems.

A pilot program is being developed in Belchertown, the first of its kind in Western Massachusetts, where a Geriatric Nurse Practitioner works in depth with health and social problems on a short term basis, but averting crisis situations.

Kinds of problems encountered:

Acute and chronic depression

Acute illness situations

Severe debilitating but chronic conditions

Abused and neglected homebound elderly

This program is funded by the Holyoke/Chicopee Regional Senior Service Corporation and is providing a needed service in the community. Hopefully, in the near future, this kind of program will be encouraged in all towns to enhance the quality of community health care for the elderly.

Respectfully submitted

Rose C. Tyburski, R.N., G.N.P.

Staff Nurse

Quabog Valley Visiting

Nurse Association, Inc.

Report of the Clerk of Infectious Diseases

Animal Bite	21
Hepatitis	4
Streptococcal (sore throat)	215
Chicken Pox	35
Premature Births	5

Respectfully submitted,

Charlotte Ketchen, R.N.

School Committee Report

This year has been extremely challenging. The School Committee experienced many difficult and continuing problems. Their basic origins are continually increasing pupil enrollments, inflation, and Governor King's 4% tax cap. Since the first two are counter opposed to the third, an insolvable dilemma was created.

After experiencing defeat of our original budget at the annual town meeting, the budget was reduced by eliminating some basic essentials, including classroom supplies and materials. We were grateful when this second budget was approved at a subsequent special town meeting. However, we realize that next year's budget will also face the same pressures. We must convince a greater majority of voters that our budget requests are responsibly prepared and do not contain extravagances.

Increased pupil enrollments — up 12% in fiscal 1980 — combined with a state mandate that special teaching areas be provided for Chapter 766 students, necessitated that our Kindergarten pupils be relocated to the Methodist Church School and that the Kindergarten Classrooms be converted into the special teaching stations. The additional cost for both of these projects was obtained from Federal Revenue Sharing

Funds. We sincerely appreciated the support of our Selectmen and our town voters in these projects. In the near future, it may be advisable to reclaim these two classrooms at Cold Spring School by building an addition with town funds to house the special teaching areas.

The Town currently has an Elementary School Building Committee actively preparing plans for building a new middle school even though we do not yet have a building site. We need this new facility desperately. Most of our elementary classrooms have more than 30 pupils. Next year's fifth grade contains 145 pupils and is too large for the four classrooms available at Memorial School. We are improvising a solution that will avoid renting additional outside space.

Even though the above problems received most of the publicity and attention, we continue to have a very fine school system. Our entire school staff is responsible for this. We take this opportunity to publically thank them for their continuing efforts and achievements.

Respectfully submitted,
William M. Russell,
Chairman

Report of the Superintendent of Schools

To the Members of the School Committee and the Citizens of Belchertown:

The year 1979 proved to be a very eventful one in the Belchertown School System with the increased enrollment which commenced slowly in 1977 and resulted in a big upsurge of almost 15% in the 1978-79 school year. This enrollment increase, coupled with the demand for space necessitated by the Chapter 766 audit which took place during the same year, placed many strains on the elementary schools. As a result, we now have unusually large classes and have been forced to lease four rooms from the Methodist Church to house our Kindergarten classes. This has caused an expense to the town for fire alarm systems, fire escapes, and other requirements to meet the public safety laws and to insure that the building is a safe place for our children. We have also eliminated our half time pre-kindergarten teacher and have added a full time kindergarten teacher to handle the greater number of entering kindergarten children.

Meanwhile, the Town has approved the appointment of a Building Committee which has been meeting and is about ready to recommend to the voters that a Middle School to house about 500 pupils in grades four through seven be constructed as soon as we can obtain the land from the Commonwealth. By putting grade four in the Middle School, we can reduce the load at

Cold Spring and Center Schools and by adding grades five and six we can vacate the Memorial School which can be used by the Town for needed office space. When grade seven is taken from the Jr.-Sr. High School, the pressure of future enrollments at that school will be considerably lessened.

In the meantime, the schools have continued to work toward meeting their goals. Let us first hear from the elementary schools and see what they have been doing this year and then on to the Jr.-Sr. High School.

During the year 1979, the educational process of the elementary schools of Belchertown underwent several changes in a continuing effort to improve the elementary schools at all levels of instruction.

The emphasis is still on individualization of instruction whereby the focus of the educational process is on the individual child rather than on groups of children of the same age or grade level.

The philosophy of the Belchertown Elementary School System is a commitment to the development of the whole child according to each one's needs and unique learning styles. The educational process will focus itself on full respect for human worth and dignity.

The goals of the Belchertown Elementary Schools remain as in other years:

1. To accord dignity to the learner by respecting him as a person, by individualizing instruction in a manner which allows him to learn according to a style that fits his needs, abilities, and personal fulfillment.

2. To expand and advance the humane dimensions of all learners by the cultivation of spiritual, moral and ethical values and attitudes.

3. To develop in each learner the basic skills needed for communication, perception, evaluation and conceptualization of ideas. Among the most important are reading, writing, speaking, listening, visual and computational skills.

4. To provide each learner with varied opportunities to nurture interests, to discover and to develop natural talents, and to express values and feelings through various media.

5. To foster individual commitment to exercise the rights and responsibilities of group membership and to respect the rights of others. To provide each learner with knowledge and experience which contributes to sensitivity and understanding of human similarities and differences.

6. To encourage personal responsibility for mental and physical well being through hygiene, exercise, nutrition, safety, and proper use of drugs.

7. To provide each learner with knowledge and understanding for intelligent use of his environment.

INDIVIDUALLY GUIDED EDUCATION

IGE stands for Individually Guided Education, a program which was implemented at the Cold Spring School during the school year 1975. IGE has two major goals:

1. Self-improvement

2. Individualization of instruction

Individually Guided Education accepts non-graded schools, team teaching, multi-age grouping, differentiated staffing and diagnostic-prescriptive teaching, not as innovations, but as the way schools ought to be organized.

Cold Spring School is divided into three learning communities with each unit having responsibility for approximately 100-120 pupils. Each unit has three or four teachers and one unit leader. The multi unit organization at Cold Spring School is an instructional and administrative organization that enables educational decision making, open communication, and accountability to occur at appropriate levels. Within each unit of the school, the staff members plan, implement, and evaluate the instructional program of each child in that unit.

The Program Improvement Committee (P.I.C.) is the next step up in the multi unit school organization. It is composed of the principal and all the unit leaders; as such it is the link between the classroom and the administration. The PIC works out the educational program for the whole building based on objectives defined in cooperation with unit staffs. PIC members plan and coordinate their program with regard to

school system policies. In-service activities also are planned and implemented by the PIC.

Specialists are brought in as needed to help the PIC set up the curriculum, obtain materials, and deal with problems that require specialized knowledge.

READING

Developmental Reading

Wisconsin Design

The Holt, Rinehart and Winston Reading Program continues to provide all the children in grades K-6 with an excellent reading background.

Under the auspices of our excellent Elementary Staff, the reading proficiency of the Belchertown children continues to thrive. As our program becomes more individualized we are able to provide each and every child with reading materials at their level.

We are using the Holt, Rinehart and Winston Testing Program. The test results provide teachers with guidelines for implementing programs that emphasize the child's reading strengths and clues for remediating any weaknesses. Along with the Hold Basal Reader Tests, the teachers use the Wisconsin Design for Word Attack and Comprehension. This program provides the teacher with a profile of each child's reading skills.

The key to the success of all these reading programs is the teacher's ability to prepare materials, games and learning centers that provide each child with an individual program to improve their reading ability. The teachers take advantage of workshop days to share ideas and prepare learning centers that coordinate the programs throughout the grades.

This coordination provides the children with a combination of the phonics, language experience and sight word method of learning to read.

All children are presented with opportunities for enrichment through the proper use of S.R.A. Reading Labs, Individualized Reading Programs, Supplemental Basal Readers and Classroom Libraries.

We are fostering an interest in reading for enjoyment through the U.S.S.R. Program. USSR stands for Unified Sustained Silent Reading.

The teacher provides the children with a special time during the week when everyone reads. Everything stops and only reading is permitted, even in kindergarten and beginning 1st grade the children are learning to develop the ability to take time and enjoy a book.

REMEDIAL READING

The Remedial Reading Program serves children referred under Chapter 766. Children work in small groups or individually according to their special needs. There are approximately sixty children ranging from grades 1-6 in the program.

After Referral, the child is tested and evaluated in order to specify their particular special needs, before entering the program. Though the use of a wide selection of materials each child's individual needs are attained.

The IMS (Individualized Mathematics System) is in its seventh year and is coordinated with drill on computational skills two days a week. The major components of the program are the laminated skill folders the children work on. Children work independently and in small groups on the specific skills they need to learn. IMS gets much valuable assistance from parent volunteers who help correct tests and worksheets along with other support.

REMEDIAL MATH

Children referred for math help under Chapter 766 work in small groups with a variety of resource materials and math games. With the additional space provided 766 services, it has greatly helped the program by having materials in a readily available space.

By using concrete materials, concepts can be taught on a level the child is capable of understanding. The child has a much better chance of remembering what was learned. The special needs math continues to provide necessary help for many children.

SPECIAL NEEDS PROGRAM

During the past year (1979-1980), 21 full Evaluations were held. The Intermediate Evaluations numbered 141. In 11 of these evaluations, a Finding of No Special Needs was reached. The number of children presently in 766 is 181. Approximately 99 children were dropped last year while 130 new children were taken on.

The Optimum Interaction Learning Laboratory (OIL Lab) in Cold Spring School, identical to the one in the High School, is now in operation. This laboratory, designed with no outside stimuli, has been found to work very well with children who have attentional deficits, distractibility, or neurological impairment. Hopes are high for the Progress of this type of child in the laboratory.

A new program is to be started in mid-January called Collaborative Alternative Program (CAP). This program was drawn up in conjunction with Palmer, Monson, Belchertown and Pathfinder. It was created for pupils who are at least 14 years old and are thinking of eventually dropping out of school. Some of its goals are a) to assist students to enter Pathfinder Vocational School in the future, b) to assist in remediation of academic standing, c) to assist in counseling students and, d) to provide students with pre-vocational skills. They will attend their home school for two and three-quarter hours for academics. Then they will travel to a store-front location (presently in Monson) where counseling and pre-vocational skills will be pursued for two and three-quarter hours. Each town may send no more than eight students to this program.

ELEMENTARY GUIDANCE

The elementary Guidance Program lost a significant staff member when Wayne Frieden resigned from his Title I counselor position to become School Psychologist in the Shelburne-Colrain School District. Since Mr. Frieden's position was not included in the current Title I project, many of the programs in which

he was involved will be reduced or eliminated. Priority will be given to individual counseling, teacher consultation and parent consultation. The elementary school staff will miss Mr. Frieden and his service to the Belchertown Schools, but wish him well in his professional growth.

SYSTEMATIC TRAINING FOR EFFECTIVE PARENTING [STEP]

STEP is a program designed to help parents deal more effectively with the ever-increasing and changing demands of raising children in today's world. Parents learn child training principles and practices for raising responsible children who will grow into responsible men and women, capable of living meaningful, happy adult lives. STEP is for couples, one parent and the single parent. The STEP program is sponsored by the Elementary Guidance Department. A guidance lending library has been compiled for parents who are interested in learning more about child development issues. Parents are welcome to drop by the Elementary Guidance Office or to contact Gary Millett at Cold Spring School for more information.

TITLE I

Title I is a federally funded program which is granted to each town for use in providing services to children who need assistance beyond what the regular classroom can provide. Children are selected for participation based upon teacher recommendations each May and by achievement test scores in May and September. Title I services are given at each school and now cover Kindergarten through eighth grade. A Title I mathematics program is also in operation at Memorial School.

The Title I program is overseen by 12 parents who comprise the Title I Parent Advisory Council. The staff includes 9 instructional aides and half-time director.

SPEECH

The Speech Program offers diagnostic evaluation, referral and remedial services to all residents of Belchertown between the ages of 3 and 21. The program has been expanded to include Mrs. Denise Miller as a part time speech aide. At present, 80 children from pre-school to grade 10 are receiving direct therapy in articulation, language, voice, hearing conservation, and auditory processing skills. An initial screening of 3 to 4 year old children was done in January of 1979, with follow-up evaluation, remediation and parent instruction.

The kindergarten children were screened in May of 1979 with complete evaluations as required during September to December of 1979.

ELEMENTARY ART PROGRAM

During the Spring of 1979, Miss Lamb, Mrs. Knightly and Mrs. Smith had a Safari program at Cold Spring School that combined the specialist activities of Art, Music and Physical Education. Miss Lamb also had an Art Show of the elementary students' work in the town library.

Miss Lamb resigned from her position as elementary Art teacher in the fall of 1979 and Miss Slepchuk was

hired on October 5, 1979.

Miss Slepchuk has been working closely with the classroom teachers and specialists in order to integrate the Arts into other subject areas. For example, drawings of fall sports were displayed in cooperation with Mrs. Smith to reinforce the children's physical education lessons. Indian blankets were designed by the first graders to reinforce an American Indian lesson. And it was under her direction that the illustrations for Mrs. Hexter's Christmas production of "Mr. Posey's Christmas Tree" were drawn.

Mill Slepchuk believes that children's art should be hung and shown. Consequently she has been doing just that in the all-purpose room at Cold Spring School and will continue to do so.

ELEMENTARY MUSIC PROGRAM

During the 1979 school year, the elementary classes and special music groups were very active.

Since spending was limited, only replacement materials were purchased for classroom use, kindergarten through grade six. Choral risers were purchased with money from fund raising events sponsored by a music-parent group.

In the spring of 1979, students from grades 2-4 at Cold Spring School were involved in an integrated arts program based on a "Safari" theme. The Rhythm Band made up of 20 third and fourth graders sang and played African songs while Mrs. Smith's physical education students danced and performed some creative movements.

In May 1979, the Elementary Chorus at Memorial School presented a musical "The Electric Sunshine Man" based on the life of Thomas Edison. This was presented for the public one evening and on special request again for the Golden Agers. The chorus gave their annual holiday program December 14, 1979 at the Hampshire Mall in conjunction with the Elementary Band. This was a most successful endeavor with much positive response from Belchertown parents and friends.

We hope to continue the tradition of correlating the arts with another program at Cold Spring this spring.

The Chorus has plans for another musical production. A group of teachers is presently involved with preparing a play for adults and children which can be presented in the spring as a benefit for the Mary Avery Scholarship Fund.

INSTRUMENTAL PROGRAM

The annual spring concert took place June 1, 1979 in the music assembly at the high school. The more than 300 people who attended were treated to a variety of ensembles which had been in preparation for many long hours. Providing the music were the Sr. Elementary Band, the Jr. Elementary Band, Jazz Band, Percussion Ensemble and a Woodwind Quintet. All the students who performed received awards ranging from certificates to pins. Nine students received Music Scholarships, a new program instituted this year with the help of the Band Parents Organization. A total of \$245 was raised through local donors and it is hoped

that this program will be continued in future years. This same concert was performed again at Memorial School for the benefit of all Belchertown fourth, fifth and sixth graders.

The fall of 1979 began with the continuation of an extensive recruitment program. Elementary students aided in the demonstration of instruments to their peers. Group and individual conferences were set up for each parent having interest in the program. As a result, 55 students, the largest number ever, signed up to join the program.

On December 14, 1979, the elementary band and chorus staged their annual Christmas Concert at the Hampshire Mall in Hadley. The enthusiastic crowd of over 300 Belchertown residents and shoppers in attendance made this a unique and delightful experience for the performers.

The addition of a tuner and percussion equipment will further aid in the education of the students.

Future plans include the participation of five sixth graders in the High School Band as our Advanced Placement Program continues.

Beginning early in 1980 will be the Jr. Elementary Band and the Elementary Jazz Band. Also scheduled for January 9, 1980, is a clinic and demo by the well known UMass TRUMPET PLAYER Walter Chesnut.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Individual skills, team games and sports are the basis of the Elementary Physical Education Program. Through the various games and activities, the children learn cooperation, good sportsmanship and the acceptance of individual differences.

Last spring fourth grade afterschool activities were resumed. Children from Center and Cold Spring Schools participated in jogging and softball. The activities were well attended and enjoyed by all.

In June, the Art, Music and Physical Education departments combined talents to produce an African Safari. The program opened with an obstacle course to the tune of "Let's Go On A Safari," with Mrs. Knightly's Rhythm Band providing the jungle sound effects and the Jungle course. Dances and creative movement were also performed by students from 5TH Ave. and Mrs. Armstrong's Two Thirds. The program concluded with a parachute routine with all the children from the Rhythm Band participating.

Field Days with mini-olympic events were held during the last week of school at all four elementary schools. Individual and class awards for the various events were presented at an Awards Assembly at Memorial School for the fifth and sixth graders in the following events, broad jump, softball throw, 50 yd. Dash and relay races. Class awards were presented for tug-of-war, obstacle course and of course the pie-eating contest. Competition in grades 1-4 is low key and the children participate in their field day activities for their own enjoyment.

Field days will be scheduled again for June this year. Art, Music and Physical Education also plan to present a program at Cold Spring School using Space as a theme. Franklin plans to present a program for

parents in early May demonstrating the dancing and musical skills of their students. The Physical Education Department will also be involved with the other department in a production to be presented in early spring to benefit the Mary Avery Scholarship Fund.

Fourth grade after school activities well begin in January 1980 with gymnastic activities and later in the year with fitness and softball in the spring.

VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

The Volunteer program placed 144 volunteers within the five elementary schools and the Junior-Senior High School during the year. The volunteers gave a total of 4,427 hours at the end of the 1979 year. Twenty-five classroom teachers and five specialists utilized volunteers. Of the 144 volunteers, 116 were parents or relatives of school students and 28 were from the community.

The program consisted of nine specific areas of service:

1. Classroom Volunteers
2. Substitute Volunteers
3. Community Resource Volunteers (Enrichment)
4. Room Chaperones
5. Parent Advisory Council
6. Babysitting (at home volunteers' children)
7. Miscellaneous Volunteer (Volunteers who did clerical work for the Volunteer Program, worked on the IMS cart, etc.)
8. "At Home" Volunteers
9. Library Volunteers

In January, our volunteer program was entered in a nationwide contest sponsored by the Tupperware Company. The "Apple Tree" award was awarded to 10 programs of comparable size of the student population of Belchertown. We received one of the five honorable mention awards in Massachusetts.

In planning for the next school we hope to offer more community involvement, more training for clerical volunteers and more Senior Citizen involvement.

It is my opinion that an active, successful school volunteer program should provide three major benefits to the school: reinforcement and enrichment activities for students; assistance for teachers and staff members; and a strengthening of ties to the community.

I feel that during the past school year, through the cooperation of the staff and volunteers, that goal has been accomplished.

SCIENCE

An innovative science program, the Science Curriculum Improvement Studies, (SCIS) began another year of successful operation. The program is laboratory-oriented and employs scientific inquiring. SCIS is one of only two elementary school science programs to be given the noting of excellent by the Massachusetts Association of Science Supervisors.

SOCIAL STUDIES

Modern, relevant and innovative social studies programs are being carried on at all levels with "Family of Man" — A University of Minnesota Social Studies Project in grades 1-4, "Man — A Course of

Study" taught in grade five, and "People and Technology" taught in grade six.

INTERNS

Belchertown teachers have demonstrated their interest in the future of their profession by continuing the train student teachers from the University of Massachusetts and Westfield State College. Student teachers did their student teaching at Cold Spring, Center and Memorial Schools during the Spring and Fall of 1979.

STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL AT MEMORIAL

A Student Advisory Council began its sixth year of operation. The eight member committee was elected by their fellow classmates at Memorial School. The purpose of the council is to make recommendations to their advisor for improving the welfare of the pupils.

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

A Parent Advisory Council was established by the principal six years ago to meet regularly with him to provide two-way communication between the school administration and parents.

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

During American Education Week in November, Parent-Teacher Conferences were scheduled in grades K-6. The conferences were a success with over 94 percent of the parents in attendance.

ASSEMBLY PROGRAMS

The school children of Belchertown presented several enjoyable assembly programs during 1979. Among the several programs were: A Memorial Day observance at Memorial School, an Elementary School Band and Chorus Christmas Concert at Hampshire Mall in Hadley, a Science Fair at Memorial School in April, a Bike Safety Program at Cold Spring School in May, an Electric Safety Program at all schools in January, a Poison Control Program at Cold Spring School in May and a String Ensemble Program for grades 4, 5 and 6 in March.

EDUCATIONAL FIELD TRIPS

Educational Field Trips were continued during 1979 for all grades. In June of 1979, the sixth grade class attended Camp Sargent in Peterborough, N.H. for one week. Some of the other field trips taken were to a Youth Concert in Springfield by grades 5 and 6 to Laughing Brook Nature Center by grades 2 and 3, to Austin's farm by Center School pupils, to Mary Lane Hospital in Ware by grade one, to Shattuck's Sugar House by grades 3 and 4, to the Springfield Museum of Science by the kindergarten classes, and a trip to the Museum of Science in Boston by grade 5.

The schools earnestly hope that an increasing number of parents will participate in school activities during the coming year. When the parents show an interest in the school activities, it usually reflects in the children's experience for parents, children and teachers.

JR.-SR. HIGH SCHOOL

The various departments and activities at the Belchertown Jr.-Sr. High School enjoyed a busy and rewarding year. Some of their activities are as follows:

BUSINESS DEPARTMENT

The business curriculum of the Belchertown Jr.-Sr. High School provides students with a general background in basic business, occupational education for those students planning to seek employment, and education oriented toward personal growth. Secretarial, accounting, and basic business subjects are offered to prepare students for entrance into business careers and for advancement to higher levels within their careers. The courses in the curriculum continue to place an emphasis on assisting students toward logical and independent thinking, effective communication, sound decision making and an awareness of the value of human relations.

Office simulation is used to illustrate the flow of paperwork in an office and to integrate the skills taught in other units, courses and phases of the total program. Simulation provides senior business students with activities based on actual business procedures. Students have the opportunity to experience working conditions, work output, and standards that are realistic in business offices. Working together to operate the simulated office, students have the opportunity to acquire the following: (1) Develop and apply a wide range of business and administrative skills, (2) Experience realistic patterns of interaction with each other, (3) Test individual abilities to perform successfully in a variety of business settings as they rotate through different office positions, (4) Learn the personal traits and human relations skills that are needed to succeed on a job, (5) Increase individual awareness of the areas in which one should improve for successful entry into the business world. Students perform all of the activities that are transacted in a typical business, including applying for specific position, interviewing, processing orders, typing invoices, dictating and transcribing, filing, keeping payroll records, preparing bank statements, preparing financial statements, assuming responsibility for paying invoices to take advantage of discounts, using calculating machines and duplicating equipment, checking customers' credit and handling complaints from dissatisfied customers. Lester Hill Office Simulation and Sun-N-Ski Accounting Simulation were the two major simulations offered to the students this year.

The department is presently researching the possibilities of obtaining funds from the government to implement a word processing center and a business computer system to be used in conjunction with model office training. This would provide our students with hands-on experience in operating the electronic typewriter and the ledger card computer.

HOME ECONOMICS

All seventh and eighth grade students were enrolled in Home Economics for 7 to 10 weeks. Topics studied included nutrition, food preparation, babysitting, family relationships, sewing and crafts. The department continued to offer a full year introductory course for ninth graders and semester electives for upper classmen. The highlight of the year was a

cooperative arts fair featuring student work coordinated by the Home Economics Department, Art, Industrial Arts and Music Department.

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

The English Department continues to emphasize individual grade curriculum. The members of the English Department feel that a successful curriculum must be flexible to meet individual student needs. P.S.A.T. and S.A.T. verbal score continued to exceed national average scores for college-bound students. Returning graduates presently in college continue to complement the department in regard to their preparation for college.

A proposal presently under consideration is for the inclusion of an Advanced Placement English Course. This Honors English Course will be open to highly motivated 12th grade students.

Successful field trips this year included attendance to the Shakespeare Theatre in Lenox, Mass., for "Romeo and Juliet." Ninety ninth graders attended Stage West for Steinbeck's "Of Mice and Men."

SOCIAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT

The Social Studies Department spent a great deal of time in 1979 updating its curriculum to reflect the many concerns our society has towards the issue of energy. Students were introduced to many ideas and new approaches to solving many of the energy problems they will be facing as citizens. A highlight of these efforts was the ecology-energy fair held in the spring in which over 70 ninth grade students demonstrated what they had learned in the classroom.

U.S. History students held their annual fair in the fall and tried to re-create many of the crafts and industries that existed in early nineteenth century Belchertown. Once again local television stations gave our students the thrill of seeing their well-researched projects on the six o'clock news.

Field trips this year played an important role in the achievement of the department's objectives. Trips to Old Sturbridge Village, District Court and Model Congress gave our students an added dimension to their learning. Speakers in classrooms included State Rep. James Collins, a representative from the CIA discussing photo reconnaissance, and various speakers in the Social Service elective.

MATHEMATICS DEPARTMENT

The State Department of Education has distributed literature to school district throughout the Commonwealth for the implementation of the Basic Skills Improvement Policy. In compliance with the department's policy, the test in basic skills in mathematics will be administered to the ninth grade during the 1980-81 school year. The test that will probably be used has been made available to local districts by the state department of education. It consists of sixty questions based on a wide variety of mathematical skills. The state policy for planning a testing program allows several options which are to be decided upon at the local level. To this end, a steering committee has been meeting. It is made up of school administrators, local citizens, and teachers. The

committee is required to complete a Basic Skills Improvement Plan by August 1, 1980.

Students in eleventh and twelfth grad mathematics classes in the current school year have shared their experiences with three students from the Dominican Republic, Japan, and Mexico. The students have adapted well in their classes. As a result, local students have been given an opportunity to appreciate the universal nature of mathematics.

SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

The Science Department continues to emphasize hands-on laboratory-oriented classes. Whenever possible, discussion are supplemented with demonstrations to enable students to see for themselves practical applications for the topic being studied.

This year we have purchased CPR manikins — one adult, one child — which are presently being used by all Juniors in the Consumer Education Program for a 12-hour Life Support Unit. We are investigating the feasibility of offering the 4-hour Heart Saving Program at the Junior High level.

By offering a dual-level Earth Science Program in grade nine this year, we have increased our offerings for the college-bound or science-oriented students this year. It is now possible for these students to take four full years of academic science courses — each of which has an extra lab period per week. In addition, many students still elect to take the Human Biology semester course and Research Science.

In addition to the academic course above, we still have a wide range — an equivalent to five years — of non-academic sciences; i.e., Earth Study, Practicum in Biology, Practicum in Physical Science, Household Science, Woodland Ecology, Home Gardening, and Practical Chemistry.

FOREIGN LANGUAGES

As in the past, the Foreign Language Department continued to promote foreign study and student exchange programs. Under the auspices of the department, Alma Matos spent six months studying and traveling in Costa Rica. Francisco Cavada came from Monterrey, Mexico, in September to study at the high school. "Paco," who will graduate with the Class of 1980 in June, resided with two host families; Mr. and Mrs. Willard Brown and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Parker. The department plans to sponsor foreign students and send more students abroad to study. Programs in France and Italy and other European countries are available and town residents and students are encouraged to contact the department for more information.

This past year, enrollment in modern and classical languages was opened to all students, whether they planned to attend college or not. High school students studied French, Spanish or Latin for one to four years. Junior High seventh graders all took Spanish for eight weeks. Eighth graders elected to take either French or Latin in course which met twice a week throughout the year. The trend of the enrollments showed an

increase in the number of students taking Latin and studying more than one language during high school.

In the Spring of '79, as part of their language curriculum, Spanish students attended the Jose Creco Dance Concert in Boston. The Latin students participated in Classics Day at UMass Amherst, where they took part in lectures and workshops, and competed in written and oral examinations with other Western Massachusetts high school students. At the first year level, Rosanne Russell placed third in the Certamen Scriptum (written exam); and Mike Davis and Ann Shelton reached the semi-finals as Belchertown's T.V. Quiz Team.

CONSUMER EDUCATION

Consumer Education is a required course for all students and is offered during the junior year.

Consumer education is vital for all young people because of the competence it can provide in dealing with our modern society. It helps each student evolve his own value system, develop a sound decision making procedure based on his values, evaluate alternatives and get the best buys for his money. Consumer Education helps the student understand his rights and responsibilities as a consumer in our society and fulfill his role in our free enterprise system.

Our school course curriculum is divided into three related areas:

(a.) Job applications, resumes, and interviews, checking accounts, personal income taxes, budgeting and recordkeeping.

(b.) CPR, health and homeowner's insurance, food additives, comparison shopping and labels on food and clothing.

(c.) Legal concerns of the consumer including contracts, rights and responsibilities, housing, payroll deductions, and financing and insuring a motor vehicle.

Other topics and community speakers of consumer interest may be presented during the course which is taught by Mrs. Kubacki, Mr. Gola and Mr. White.

CAREER EDUCATION

This course is offered through the Guidance Department by Mr. White. Career building, job seeking, job holding, and progression in employment assume important significance as matters of immediate interest to students. A large segment of this course is devoted to an exploration of the various occupational opportunities that should be considered in planning their educational goals. Since work comprises a large part of our lives, the exploring of suitable jobs with opportunity for use of interests, abilities, and talents as well as for worthwhile payment and satisfaction deserves considerable time and thought by our students.

INDUSTRIAL ARTS PROGRAM

The Industrial Arts program at Belchertown Jr.-Sr. High School has been enjoying the coeducational experiences at both the Junior High and Senior High levels. The general acceptance by both girls and boys in an integrated situation has developed into a more

competitive situation and one of a positive nature.

Due to the large class sizes in grades 7-8, the students have been divided into sections lasting six to eight weeks each, which is a minimal amount of time in this area to encompass the amount of learning experience available.

Both grade seven and eight are introduced to the basic shop safety procedures and the mechanical use of hand tools used in woodworking. This program has been accepted with enthusiasm in most cases.

The senior high program has seen an increase in course offering: Skills in Plastics, Wood-working, Furniture, Silk Screening, Metal working and on a limited basis, Welding.

Related areas to this program which are offered include General Math and Mechanical Drawing. All offerings are being directed towards the occupational needs of today's graduates.

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

The Music Department provides students with a wide range of quality instruction and performance opportunities. This year the Belchertown Jazz Ensemble won third place in the New England competition sponsored by the University of New Hampshire, Durham, with one member receiving a special citation for outstanding musicianship. Our school was represented by the Concert Band in the Governor's Music Festival in Laconia, N.H. The group received outstanding comments from the adjudicators present.

Additional participation included seven seats in the Western Mass. District Festival Competition, with All-State recommendations for three students. Winners were placed in strategic chairs in Band, Orchestra, Jazz Band and Chorus.

The Jr.-Sr. High School Band marched in Fair Day, Veteran's Day, Halloween Rag-Shag and Memorial Day Parades and continues to serve the community with annual Spring Concert, Christmas Concert and various other musical activities such as Church Ensemble Concerts and Jazz Ensemble performances.

The department was represented at the Fort Devens Fourth Annual Music Festival and received the Commander's Certificate for outstanding performance.

For those students who express a special interest in music there are courses in theory, harmony, composition, ear training, solfège and electric music. These areas of study provide a continuation of the general music program offered to the eighth grade and also serves to prepare students for college entry at music major or minor level.

Our school music program is designed to help the individual develop a sensitivity to the beautiful values of music and to initiate and broaden an understanding of music through group participation. Our primary objective is one of aesthetic education and the development of aural intelligence with resultant community entertainment.

ART DEPARTMENT

A course in Graphic Arts was added to the High

School curriculum for the fall term and all other courses were updated and revised. Workshops with the elementary Art teacher were held at the end of the school year and again in the fall. The meetings were very beneficial and shall continue on a regular basis. Student work was sent to the Scholastic Art Award competition again this year. The competition has been regionalized and the winning entries from this area were exhibited at the Fine Arts center at the University of Mass. The multi-departmental exhibit of student and faculty work held last Spring was a fine success and plans are in the making to expand the effort for this year.

ATHLETICS

Belchertown Jr.-Sr. High School successfully completed a very active and ever increasing athletic schedule.

While competing in the Bi-County League, Belchertown had five of its student athletes selected as All-League. They were: Anne Marie Henry and Gail Whitlock, field hockey; Ed Bodzinski and Laura Adzima, basketball; and Joe Rogers and Ed Bodzinski, baseball.

The athletic season concluded with the Annual Sports Banquet at Conti's 202. The following students received trophies as Most Valuable Player in their respective sports: Joe Rogers, soccer, Anne Marie Henry, field hockey, Laura Adzima and Ed Bodzinski, basketball, Lucinda McHaffie, softball, and Ed Bodzinski, baseball. The Athletic Council Trophies were awarded to James Mann and Anne Marie Henry.

The Athletic Department would like to thank all those who supported high school athletics and helped to make this season a success.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

The physical education department attempted to fill the needs of the student body through a program of team and individual sports, physical fitness and co-ed activities. Some of the more popular activities included golf, archery, floor hockey and basketball.

LIBRARY SERVICES

The Belchertown Jr.-Sr. High School Library is a place for quiet learning and enjoyment, where students and teachers can become expert in using materials. The library is the heart of the school. Its usefulness depends on the individual's ability to tap its resources and obtain needed information. Once students have mastered the few keys that unlock this extensive storehouse of knowledge, they have a skill that will be invaluable to them not only during their student years, but for their lifetime. Students are all briefed in library methodology and information retrieval skills. They are taught that no matter what their future occupations, or interests, they should make it a habit to draw on the resources of a library for a richer, more useful, knowledgeable life.

Juniors and Seniors are encouraged to borrow from the larger local collections, the Jones Library, University of Massachusetts, and Hampshire College Libraries, all in Amherst. Regardless of the size of a

library building or the extensiveness of its holdings, our young adults are encouraged to use their basic knowledge of the catalogue and to rely on their understanding of classification systems, so they will feel at home, even in an enormous collection.

During this past year, we have updated and expanded our reference collection. Numerous encyclopedias, from the general World Book, to more specific works in the Social Sciences have been acquired. A strong effort has been made to strengthen our fiction needs. The librarian has written a Tiele IVE proposal and monies will be available in the coming year for valuable microfiche additions.

The past year has been a productive one and library services at Belchertown continue striving for excellence.

AUDIO-VISUAL SERVICES

Communication technology offers many choices for receiving, using, recording and transmitting information. Full utilization of educational media makes it possible to provide alternative patterns and relationships for the instructional program. Curriculaum design and media utilization by the classroom teacher are inextricably interwoven. To the learner, media help to identify the problem and supply information and method to solve it. Purposeful integration of curriculum and media is ongoing at the Junior-Senior High School and involves students, teachers and the Media Specialist. This process results in more effective implementation of the educational program.

Our Audio-Visual Services provide teachers with movies, video tapes, and classroom television production skills. We hold memberships in the following film libraries: The Krasker Memorial Film Library, Bostong University School of Education, Hampshire College Film Collection, Indiana University, The Extension Media Center, University of California, Berkeley.

Our library is also a charter member of the Massachusetts Film Association. The Media Specialist has written a federal proposal for monies to acquire new color television equipment. This equipment should be in our system within the year. Our student Media Project has been very successful throughout the years. We have word that two of our former graduates are now working in the television field. One student is working for an NBC affiliate in Ohio, the other is working for a university Media center. We seek to continue to provide both prompt and efficient access to our resources and an ongoing respect for the role that media plays in our lives today.

STUDENT EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

This club was formerly known as the Future Teachers of America. SEA is open to nay high school student interested in careers in education, college opportunities, or community and school projects. The club's purpOse is to acquaint the student with all aspects of teaching and other related areas. The members tutor elementary and junior high students.

Meetings are held during the activity period.

As a fund raising activity, each month the SEA Club sponsors a bake sale. From the money earned, they were able to present seven scholarships at theJune 1979 graduation to Vanessa Joseph, Debbie Williams, Jeffrey Hubbard, Brenda Chadbourne, Diane Couture, Cynthia Carey and Joseph Rogers.

SCHOOL NEWSPAPER

The "Omnibus and Flying Circus Company of Belchertown High School," known locally as the high school paper, was introduced to the eighth annual scholastic Press Forum, held at American International College, for the first time this past spring. After being examined by National Geographic's art director Howard Paine, the paper drew praise for its layout and desing. This was quite an accomplishment, considering the number of schools that contributed papers to this forum.

The spring issue was compiled and distributed after considerable work by the small Omnibus staff. The many hours of phot workshops, investegative reporting and layout sessions paid off with an excellent issue.

The staff is pioneering a new adventure this year. The Omnibus Co. plans to publish a magazine which will include articles and summaries of the school year. The benefit of the magazine will be a more indepth and timely analysis of these happenings.

While the magazine is being prepared, the staff is submittingnews articles about the high school to local newspapers, another new aspect of publication and journalism which the staff is proud to add to its list of accomplishments.

HUMANITIES CLUB

Each year the Humanities Club likes to choose a motto which best describes their direction for the year. This year, "Take a Stand," illustrates the attitudes of the club's members. Action and determination, with a pinch of perseverance, are the ingredients which make up the students' environmental awareness program. In objection to the slaughter of baby Harp seals off the coast of Labrador and New Foundland, the club joined Greenpeace and the International Fund for Animals Welfare in order to raise funds to help stop the killings. This project was known as S.O.S. (Save Our Seals.)

Meeting regularly, on a weekly basis, the club was able to organize its "Food Baskets for November," with financial assistance from the town's citizenry and the club's drive for non-perishable goods. The Thanksgiving project was one of the year's most successful endeavors.

"Toys For Joy," the Humanities Club Christmas project, produced many excited and happy moments for a number of our town's children. Members of the club, accompanied by Santa Claus, delivered all its presents on Christmas Eve. Yet, this year, the club included in Santa's visit, a number of elderly and shut-ins which added additional delight to the club's Christmas spirit.

Yet, the majority of the club's time was spent organizing and coordinating ecology issues with other

schools is Western Mass., as well as our own. Magazines and energy action packets were distributed to 20 schools during the year.

In keeping with its yearly motto, "Take A Stand," the club supported American Native Month, selling posters and publishing information on the American Indians. It was hoped that the community would become more aware of the plight of the Indians and like the example of the Humanities Club, take a stand and work towards a better understanding of our people and their environment.

NATIONAL HONORS ACTIVITIES

The Twelfth annual induction of members into the Aristos Chapter of the National Honor Society of Belchertown Jr.-Sr. High School was held Wednesday, May 9, 1979. Thirteen new members were inducted into the Society. The principle address was given by John B. Curry, III, Esq. Miss Brenda Chadbourne was chosen Citizen of the Year for Belchertown Jr.-Sr. High School as well as representing the high school as the DAR Good Citizen for 1979.

STUDENT COUNCIL

The year 1979 proved to be a most successful year for the Student Council. The Council sponsored and participated in a variety of activities; from meeting with the school committee to parking cars of Fair Day. All members of the Council had an opportunity to increase their leadership ability and to learn more about student government.

One of our most enjoyable and educational endeavors was a trip to the State Student Council Convention held last March on Cape Cod. Twelve members from Belchertown were able to attend. While there, they participated in workshops, exchanged ideas and socialized with students from all over the state.

The Council sponsored monthly coffee hours for the faculty. During these informal sessions the students were able to exchange ideas with teachers about school. An assembly program which dealt with academics, leisure time activities and the arts was coordinated by the Council. The goal was to provide an assembly a month. The council hopes to remain as active in 1980 as it was in 1979.

READING, LANGUAGE ARTS, AND TITLE I PROGRAMS

Reading — is offered to students in the seventh and eighth grade. The purpose of the program is to insure that students have the basic skills necessary to read and comprehend the textbooks they encounter as well as give a firm background and appreciation for good literature.

The student and program are evaluated at the end of each year by the Stanford Diagnostic Reading Test.

Language Arts — is a separate segment of the reading program. This course has limited enrollment to enable students who have difficulty with reading to obtain assistance in both areas of reading and English. It is remedial in nature and reviews all basic skills along with the study of the mechanics of the English

language.

Title I — As in the past, a Title I tutor has been made available to assist selected pupils in the seventh and eighth grades. These students are helped individually or in small groups. Students work with reading skills and reading in the content areas.

Remedial Reading — is available for the students in grades 9-12 who are not benefitting from the academic program due to insufficient basic skills in reading. The goal of the program is to improve these skills by giving instruction in small groups or to individuals.

GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

The Guidance Department provides a number of services to the students which enable them to make the necessary adjustments to their peers, teachers and parents. Personal, educational and occupational information and counseling are the services most utilized. Scheduling has become more important each year. Evaluating new students and arranging proper placement in classes has increased a great deal.

Past graduates are providing relevant information to our seniors each year, especially to the colleg-bound. In January, we host the College Forum, which is a formal presentation to juniors and seniors by alumni who are currently attending college. They provide information concerning financial aid, expenses, what classes and professors are like and life in general away from home. In December, the annual Senior Reception is held for alumni returning home for the Christmas vacation. This provides for a more informal method of the seniors and alumni to swap information.

The Class of 1979 experienced the same problems of previous classes in their search for full time employment and college admissions. With the cost of education rising consistently each year, the search for financial aid becomes important. The statistics for the Class of 1979:

- 53 percent went on to higher education
- 29 percent went on to full time employment
- 7 percent went into the Armed Forces
- 11 percent were undecided at graduation

An interesting point about the higher education statistics is that many seniors chose public institutions due to the cost factors, (31 percent.)

THE GRADUATES OF THE CLASS OF 1979

Valedictorian: Nancy Joan Fantom

Salutatorian: Sheila Ann Austin

Laura Jean Adzima
Sharon Elizabeth Allen
Tammy Jeanne Alley
Lauri Jean Barry
Virginia Jean Berard
Paul Cutting Bock
Diane Darlene Bonatakis
Frances Ann Brougham
Paul Mark Brown
Cynthia Ann Carey
Brenda Ann Chadbourne
Katrina Louise Chadbourne

The Graduates of the Class of 1979

Robin S. Chartier
Richard W. Christen, Jr.
Martha Sue Clark
Jeff Alan Clement
Denise Marie Cook
Sheila Marie Corbett
Diane Marie Couture
Carol Ann Desroches
Kimberly Ann Fortin
Stephen Ross Francis
Rebecca Jeanne Frigon
Charles Sumner Hanson
Anne-Marie Eunice Henry
Joanne Herrick
Jeffrey Kenneth Hubbard
Barry Dean Hutchinson
Lori Ann Hutchinson
Laurie A. Jenks
Vanessa Lee Joseph
Theresa A. Joyal
Thomas Patrick Lacombe
Charlotte Marie Lambert
Lynn S. Laurin
George Emerson Lindsey
David John Lis
James Wesley Mann
Theresa Marie Masse
Melody Ann McDermott
Keith William McHaffie
Cathy Ann Mellin
Annette T. Merriman

William John Michalski
Michael A. Monahan
Jeffrey Robert Neggers
Jpyce ann Nickerson
Michael A. Monahan
Jeffrey Robert Neggers
Joyce ann Nickerson
Michael John O'Brien
Ruth Ann Opalenik
Suzette Marie Parent
Lisa M. Piesyk
Theresa Nadine Phoenix
Deborah Ann Plant
Gail Alice Prentice
Kerri Jo Rauschmier
Donna Marie Reece
Monica Ann Richard
Stuart Ashley Riedel
Joseph Allen Rogers
Diane Marie Rossi
Sharon Marie Setkewich
Joel Edward Shelton
Diane Marie Smith
Gary Mathew Smith
Roger Joseph Socha
Janet Teresa Tardy
Donna Lea Welch
Gail Crosby Whitlock
Debra Jean Williams
Robert Wisor
Jane A. Wyman

Scholarship Awards — 1979

Belchertown Teachers' Association

Laura Adzima
Sheila Austin
Gail Prentice
Monica Richard
Sharon Setkewich

Student Education Association

Cynthia Carey
Brenda Chadbourne
Diane Couture
Jeffrey Hubbard
Vanessa Joseph
Joseph Rogers
Debra Williams

Steeple Memorial

Lynn Laurin

Lt. Michael P. Austin Memorial

Lauri Barry
Stuart Riedel

Walter L. Papp

Michael O'Brien

Richard D. Pratt Memorial

Thomas Lacombe

Louis A. Shumway Memorial

Paul Bock

VFW Ladies' Auxiliary

Sheila Austin

VFW Post #8428

Jeffrey Hubbard

Belchertown Police Association

Brenda Chadbourne

Belchertown School Secretaries

and Aides Association

Gail Prentice

Joseph Rogers

Margaret T. Austin Memorial
Sheila Austin

Holland Family Award
Nancy Fantom

Robert C. Morey Athletic Memorial
Anne-Marie Heney

Eleanor H. Hagberg Memorial
Jane Wyman

Mary Judkins Memorial
Monica Richard

Lions Club
Michael O'Brien
Debra Williams

Chauncey D. Walker Legion Auxiliary
Sheila Austin, Joyce Nickerson
Gail Prentice, Debra Williams

Lewis J. Austin Memorial
Monica Richard

Belchertown Registered Nurses Association
Martha Clark

George J. Lindsey Memorial
Paul Bock

Belchertown Lioness Club
In Memory of Tina Lemay
Gail Prentice

Anonymous
Laura Adzima
Paul Bock
Martha Clark

School Budgets

Account	FY 1980	Proposed FY 1981
1000—Administration	\$ 51,070.00	\$ 50,890.00
2000—Instruction	1,473,401.00	1,606,838.00
2000—Out of State Travel	0	600.00
3000—Other School Services	246,277.00	263,186.00
4000—Operation & Maintenance	261,141.00	344,996.00
7000—Fixed Assets	936.00	5,452.00
9000—Programs w/ Other Schools	86,860.00	103,500.00
TOTAL:	\$2,119,693.00	\$2,375,462.00

This proposed budget for the Fiscal Year 1981 which is the 1980-1981 school year indicates a 12% increase. This increase is caused by inflation, increased enrollments, and state laws such as collective bargaining and Chapter 766 (programs for children with special needs). The School Department will make every effort to economize but the above pressures force our costs up in areas over which we have no control.

Respectfully submitted,

John B. Curry, Jr.
Superintendent of Schools

Report of the School Nurse

The increasing school enrollment has put a strain on all areas including the health department of the Belchertown Public Schools.

During 1979, I was extremely busy providing emergency care, routine health counseling with students, parents and staff and appraising illnesses. Vision and hearing examinations were performed on all students and 45 were referred for further evaluation. Five hundred and six throat cultures for Streptococcal detection were administered with 138 positive findings. These positive findings were referred to a private physician for medication and follow-up procedures.

Immunization clinics were held in April, June and September for all townspeople. Polio, D.P.T. (Diphtheria, Pertussis and Tetanus), measles, mumps and Rubella and Tetanus toxoid were offered free of charge. A flu vaccine clinic was held for all town employees in October with Dr. Kenneth Collard administering the vaccine. Tuberculosis detection clinics were held throughout the year for school employees and volunteers. Every person coming in contact with school children is required to be checked every three years for active Tuberculosis.

Our school physician, Dr. Kenneth Collard, performed physical exams on all students in fourth, seventh and eleventh grades and all students participating in sports programs. In May a health appraisal was performed on sixth grade students going to Camp Sargent.

All students were weighed and measured and all pertinent information was recorded in their files.

Making home assessments on all children referred for full core evaluations under the 766 education amendments was another of my responsibilities. In May all pre-kindergarten students were assessed for vision and auditory-dysfunction and referred appropriately.

Respectfully submitted,
Virginia C. Ayers, R.N.
School Nurse

Pathfinder Regional Vocational-Technical High School District

The Pathfinder Regional Vocational-Technical High School District Committee is pleased to present the following abbreviated report covering the 1979 calendar year to the citizens of the district. Floyd D. Romanik, Jr. assumed the chairmanship of the Committee which consisted of Vice-Chairman Marceline B. Matrow of Monson, Treasurer Michael J. Cavanaugh of Palmer, Secretary Jane Castonguay of New Braintree, and George R. Harrell of Belchertown who was appointed to fill the unexpired term of David A. Staples.

CURRICULUM AND ENROLLMENT

Pathfinder's opening enrollment totalled 437, of which 127 were new freshmen. Students from within the district accounted for 361 spaces as follows: Belchertown 61, Monson 112, New Braintree 9, Palmer 179. Out-of-district students attending the school on a tuition basis numbered 78. An additional 850 citizens enrolled in adult evening programs for job training or enrichment. Pathfinder became sensitive to the issue of declining enrollments in two member towns as fewer students applied this year than in previous years. School officials have met regularly throughout the year to formulate a solution to this problem and to make certain that Pathfinder continued to serve the educational purposes for which it was intended.

Notable among the curriculum developments was the introduction of the Mini-Computer Training Program as a twelfth vocational offering. Housed in Belchertown High School as a "satellite" offering, the program provides training in programming and operation of the IBM 32 and prepares students to enter the highly employable field of data processing.

Along with other schools in the Commonwealth, Pathfinder began its efforts to develop a basic skills improvement plan. Teachers worked during the summer and were joined in the fall by a volunteer advisory committee composed of local citizens.

Of major importance was the continued practical experience gained by students in off-campus work programs and in community and civic service. The fourth house was begun in September, and citizen groups or towns benefited from the students' training in a variety of areas: wiring of town buildings, Toys for Tots, bloodmobiles and health screening clinics, serving meals for the elderly, Chamber of Commerce, scout and community athletic leagues, providing of floral arrangements for shows, and building wheelchair ramps for handicapped residents. Over 30 students took part in cooperative education and evidence shows that nearly double that number could have been placed in jobs where there is higher demand.

FACULTY & STAFF

Fifty-four teachers — including guidance counselors and special needs — and six administrators made up the professional staff at the beginning of the 1979-80 school year. An additional ten persons were assigned

to the externally funded Project GROW which the School Committee resolved to support as a Pathfinder-based program this year. No additional positions were added with the exception of the data processing instructors on federal funds.

PUPIL SERVICES

AND

SPECIAL NEEDS

The Class of 1979 numbered 71 students. Sixty percent were placed directly in their field, thirteen percent went on to higher education, ten percent were placed in work related to their field of study, seven percent entered military service and ten percent are in other areas. Seniors were accepted at Mount Wachusett Community College, Springfield Technical Community College, Becker Junior College, Stockbridge School of Agriculture and Essex Agricultural School.

Joining with its member towns, Pathfinder assisted in the development of two federally funded programs to expand occupational education services to pre-vocational students of junior high school age and to students who have dropped out due to lack of interest in school. More such cooperative programs are anticipated in the future as the four-town district attempts to develop a wider variety of special services to students who have not taken advantage of the more conventional programs and offerings.

As occupational education for special needs students has grown in national emphasis, Pathfinder's programs have expanded to serve over 70 members of the student body. Several students from the district were accommodated in Project GROW which continues to service students under the Bureau of Institutional Schools as well.

FISCAL AFFAIRS

The School Committee approved an operating budget for FY 1980 of \$1,387,835. Anticipated state aid from all sources as well as tuition receipts resulted in operating and capital assessments to member towns as follows: Belchertown \$164,562.88, Monson \$247,043.35, New Braintree \$35,300.66 and Palmer \$409,831.11. Further reductions in these amounts will be made possible through the application of regional school aid of \$202,146.

Federal and state grants and contracts continued to be a high priority at Pathfinder as a total of nearly \$100,000 was received for the support of programs of direct benefit to students and townspeople. In addition, nearly \$1.5 million in state contracts to operate educational programs for the Department of Education at various sites connected with Belchertown State School and Monson Developmental Center were received for FY 1980.

FUTURE PLANS

During the summer and fall, the School Committee and administration began to focus on a more objectives-oriented management system in order to bring about a more effective planning process. Among

the priority areas identified in this effort were:

- Development of a more effective management system for the school.
- Development of a zero-based budget according to pre-determined timetable for FY 1981.
- Thorough evaluation of at least two selected vocational areas.
- Development and adoption of a current policy manual.
- Revision and updating of the district agreement.

- Strengthening and improvement of relationships between Pathfinder and sending schools.
- Development of basic skills improvement plan.
- Continued pursuit of federal and other externally funded programs.

Respectfully submitted,
Gerald L. Paist
Supt.-Director
George Harrell,
Belchertown Rep.

Recreation Department

It is a pleasure to submit to the people of Belchertown, this report as Director of the Belchertown Recreation Department. Since taking the job three years ago, I have enjoyed working with many of the existing agencies, schools and volunteers in the community.

This past year has been a very productive one for programming, especially since the hiring of an assistant director, Marie Brighenti. Since she started working in September, new programs for adults and senior citizens have been started. We now have adult and senior citizens exercise classes, CPR, First Aid, and a "Run For Fun and Fitness" program. Marie has definitely been a big plus for the department.

The department has also had the services of two very capable CETA persons. Both Chris Seamon and Kelli Short have contributed to the department's programs throughout the year. Unfortunately, they may both be leaving in a few months and the department would like to thank them for a job well done.

The maintenance department did a good job, for the number of personnel they had, in maintaining the Town Beach, Old Town Hall, Parsons Field, Cold Spring Field, and the High School Field.

Another source of assistance that we do not want to overlook is the generosity of people who volunteered their time and the sponsors of some of our programs. I would especially like to thank all the coaches and sponsors of last year's baseball program.

The sponsors of the program were: Choquette's Market, Hulmes Associates, Belchertown Bulk Carriers, Don Cole, Hilltop Realty, Lioness Club, Crest Real Estate, V.F.W., Henrichon & Sears, Red's Pool, Reece Auto Body, Don's Auto Service, Bell & Hudson, D.H. Jones, Crystal Springs, and Bob's Texaco. The recreation department appreciates the cooperation and support we have received from all coaches and sponsors.

Programs to be offered this year are: Little League Baseball, Babe Ruth, Instructional Baseball, Instructional Soccer, Instructional Volleyball, Adult Volleyball, Adult Basketball, 5th and 6th grade Basketball, Instructional Basketball, Flag Football, Floor Hockey, Adult Softball, Arts and Crafts, Summer Playground, Swimming, CPR, Standard and Advanced

First Aid, Run for Fun and Fitness, and Recreation Round-Up. Some other programs that we hope we'll be able to offer because the community has expressed interest are: Shuffleboard, Gymnastics, Cross Country Skiing, Women's Self Defense, Winter Swim Team, Hot Shot Basketball and a Gong Show — just to mention a few.

All the facilities operated by the Belchertown Recreation Department are being used to their full potential and this year we have a new softball field that will hopefully solve some of the scheduling problems of the Adult Softball Teams in the past.

Publicizing of our programs is done through a monthly recreation newsletter and a column in the Holyoke Transcript, Morning and Daily Springfield News, the Belchertown Courier and the Sentinel. Posters are put up at various locations throughout the town and flyers are distributed through the schools.

The Recreation Department is pleased to work with all existing agencies, schools and volunteers in the community and appreciates the cooperation and support received.

The Recreation Committee would like to recognize the cooperation of other communities and government officials. It is this cooperation that will lead to worthwhile services at a reasonable cost for Belchertown citizens.

We would also like to thank two former Parks, Beach, and Recreation Committee members for their contributions. Jay Evans, who left last year after adding a great deal to the committee from a recreation professional and business viewpoint and June Smith who served for many years to help us through the growing pains. Their contributions were greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,
Arthur Knapp,
Recreation Dir.
Recreation
Committee
Mike Forgue,
Chairman
Pat Burton
Sue Reece
Alan Forsythe
Roy Vocci

1979 Jury List

(Following Jurors Drawn From 1978-1979 List)

Name	Address	Date Drawn	Jury Service
Bologa, John J.	526 South Street	January 29, 1979	Traverse Juror
Clement, Russell S.	122 Old Bay Road	January 29, 1979	Traverse Juror
Hennesey, Steven	249 Ware Road	January 29, 1979	Traverse Juror
Gingras, Edmund M.	250 State Street	March 12, 1979	Traverse Juror
Chartier, Leonard	251 Bay Road	April 23, 1979	Traverse Juror
Joyal, Rose A.	65 Maple Street	April 23, 1979	Traverse Juror
Wildman, Kenneth J.	155 River Street	April 23, 1979	Traverse Juror
Goodrow, Howard F.	221 Stebbins Street	July 23, 1979	Traverse Juror

(Following Jurors Drawn From 1979-1980 List)

Lindséy, Cynthia G.	333 State Street	August 20, 1979	Traverse Juror
Lowe, Gary E.	193 Michael Sears Road	August 20, 1979	Traverse Juror
Wisniewski, Nicholas	214 Federal Street	August 20, 1979	Traverse Juror
Dudek, Edward J.	139 River Street	September 17, 1979	Traverse Juror
Gancarz, Loret	184 Stebbins Street	September 17, 1979	Traverse Juror
Winter, Nancy T.	24 N. Washington Street	September 17, 1979	Traverse Juror
Forsythe, Rhoda Lee	45 Juckett Hill Road	December 17, 1979	Traverse Juror
Cole, Mildred W.	108 North Main Street	December 17, 1979	Traverse Juror
Croke, John S., Jr.	10 Old Farm Road	December 17, 1979	Grand Juror
Dunbar, Deborah L.	66 Chadbourne Road	December 17, 1979	Traverse Juror
Lofland, Edward O.	23 Old Pelham Road	December 17, 1979	Grand Juror
Rhodes, Earle A.	375 Warren Wright Road	December 17, 1979	Traverse Juror

Town Meetings and Election Results

Action taken at the Special Town Meeting held January 29, 1979

Moderator — Joseph R. White

Registered voters present — 152

(Quorum required — 25)

Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m.

The Clerk read the Return of the Warrant.

Article I. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$1,450.00 to the Clapp Memorial Library Wage Account.

(Vote — Unanimous Yes)

Article II. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$3,700.00 to the Health Insurance-Town Share account and the sum of \$250.00 to the Group Life Insurance-Town Share account.

(Vote — Unanimous Yes)

Article III. Voted to appropriate from the Election & Registration Wage Account the sum of \$1,000.00 to the Election & Registration Expense Account.

(Vote — Unanimous Yes)

Article IV. Voted to appropriate from the Planning Board Expense Account the sum of \$1,140.00 to the Planning Board Wage Account.

(Vote — Unanimous Yes)

Article V. Voted to accept as a public way that street or road known as Westwood Drive as it is more particularly shown on a plan of land recorded with the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 93, Page 19, the description of which as appearing on said

plan is incorporated by reference herein.

(Vote — Unanimous Yes)

Article VI. Voted to accept a 1973 Plymouth Valiant — Model Number VL41 C3R 197554 — Title #257044 from the Belchertown Senior Citizens' Center Association, Inc. for the sole use of the Council on Aging Transportation Service.

(Vote — Unanimous Yes)

Article VII. Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to prepare and submit an application for a Community Development Grant to the Department of Housing and Urban Development pursuant to the Community Development Block Grant/Small Cities Programs of the Housing and Community Development Acts of 1974 and 1977.

(Vote — Majority Yes)

Article VIII. Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to spend any funding that the Town may receive from its application for a Community Development Block Grant to the Department of Housing and Urban Development pursuant to the Community Development Acts of 1974 and 1977.

(Vote — Unanimous Yes)

Article IX. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$1,200.00 for the purchase of speed signs and posts.

(Vote — Unanimous Yes)

Article X. Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell a gas range and gas water heater.

(Vote — Unanimous Yes)

Article XI. Voted to instruct the Board of Selectmen and the School Committee to meet in joint session to appoint a committee of seven (7) members to study the future enrollment of the elementary schools, hire necessary consultant and/or architectural services to determine the need for, and present a plan for additional space at the elementary schools. (Vote — Unanimous Yes)

(The motion expanded the Warrant Article from specific reference to Cold Spring School, to the elementary schools.)

Article XII. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$1,000.00 to the Elementary Schools Study Committee Expense Account.

(Vote — Unanimous Yes)

(The original motion was amended by a unanimous vote deleting "Cold Spring School Addition Committee" and inserting in its place — "Elementary Schools Study Committee.")

Article XIII. Voted to instruct the Board of Selectmen and the School Committee to meet in joint session to appoint a committee of seven (7) members for the purpose of studying the future needs of the entire school system with regard to future space requirements due to the growth of the Town; said Committee to report to the Annual Town Meeting of 1980.

(Vote — Unanimous Yes)

Article XIV. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$293.76 to pay the following bills incurred in a prior year:

Roman Kucinski	\$59.14
Hobbs & Warren, Inc.	15.00
3M	152.50
Belchertown Pharmacy	46.38
Belchertown Sentinel	6.35
Blyda Ford	14.39

(Vote — Unanimous Yes)

Article XV. Voted to instruct the Board of Selectmen to appoint a committee of five (5) members for the purpose of reviewing and recommending revisions to the Town By-Laws.

(Vote — Unanimous Yes)

(The original motion was amended by a unanimous vote deleting "four (4)", and inserting in its place — "five (5)".)

Article XVI. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$4,320.00 to the Highways-General Wage Account.

(Vote — Unanimous Yes)

Article XVII. On the Article — To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds in the treasury a sum of money to the Finnerty House Renovations Account for the purpose of completing renovations and installing equipment, or take any other action relative thereto, it was voted to take no action on this article.

(Vote — Unanimous Yes)

Article XVIII. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$1,500.00 to be used in

conjunction with that voted at the Annual Town Meeting of April 3, 1978 to the Printing Town Report Account.

(Vote — Majority Yes)

Article XIX. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$1,550.00 for materials for the renovation of the Fire Station.

(Vote — Unanimous Yes)

Chairman Wm. Gerry Whitlock of the Board of Selectmen requested permission from the Moderator to briefly address the meeting regarding the proposal for connecting portions of Warren Wright Road and Old Amherst Road to the Amherst Water System. He stated that the expenses of this project would have to be borne by a betterment assessment on the affected property owners.

Article XX. Voted to amend the Official Zoning Map by deleting from the Residential District and including the same within the Business District the following described land: Beginning at an iron pin in the easterly side of North Main Street, said pin located approximately 35 feet northerly from a Massachusetts Highway bound at Station 301+98.65 of the 1950 State Highway Layout, thence; northwesterly along said easterly side line of North Main Street 29.62 (twenty nine and sixty-two hundredths) feet on a radius of 2060. (two thousand and sixty) feet to an iron pin, thence; S 87°-30'-41" E 375.00 (three hundred seventy five and no hundredths) feet along other land of Edmund F. Wallace et ux to an iron pin, thence; S 2°-29'-19" W 29.50 (twenty-nine and fifty hundredths) feet along land of Robert Smith et ux to an iron pin, thence; N 87°-30'-41" W 371.00 (three hundred seventy one and no hundredths) feet along other land of Edmund F. Wallace et ux and land now or formerly of Frank Peeso to the point of beginning containing 11,003.3 square feet.

(Vote: Yes-90; No-25; Required for 2/3 = 77)

Following consideration of the final article, Selectman Kenneth Snow gave a progress report on the replacement of the wooden bridge over the railroad crossing on Franklin Street. He stated that work would begin on the project in the spring.

Voted to dissolve this meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Attest: Carl J. Peterson, Jr. Town Clerk

Action taken at the Special Town Meeting held held April 2, 1979

Fiscal 1979

Moderator — Joseph R. White

Registered voters present — 161

(Quorum required — 25)

Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m.

The Clerk read the Return of the Warrant.

Article I. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$1,000.00 to the Highways-Snow Removal Account.

(Vote — Unanimous Yes)

Article II. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$4,000.00 to the Highways-Road Machinery Expense Account.

(Vote — Unanimous Yes)

Article III. Voted to appropriate from Public Law #94-488 (Federal Revenue Sharing) the sum of \$3,000.00 to be used in conjunction with that voted at the Annual Town Meeting of April 3, 1978 for a Fire Alarm System at the Fire Station.

(Vote — Unanimous Yes)

Article IV. Voted to appropriate from Public Law #94-488 (Federal Revenue Sharing) the sum of \$6,000.00 to be used in conjunction with that voted at the Special Town Meeting of April 3, 1978 for renovations to the Finnerty House.

(Vote — Unanimous Yes) Article V. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$24.97 to pay the following bill incurred in a prior year:
The Sentinel \$24.97

(Vote — Unanimous Yes)

Article VI. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$860.00 to pay Pathfinder Regional Vocational-Technical High School for their work on the Jr.-Sr. High School Band Building.

(Vote — Majority Yes)

Article VII. On the Article — To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds in the treasury a sum of money to the Police Department Part Time Wage Account, or take any other action relative thereto, it was voted to take no action on this article.

(Vote — Unanimous Yes)

Article VIII. Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take such steps that may be required to render a Betterment Assessment pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 80 of the General Laws, as amended, in connection with the installation of the projected water line system in the areas of old Route 9 and Warren Wright Street.

(Vote — Majority Yes)

(Reference in the Warrant Article to the Board of Selectmen, acting in their capacity as the Board of Water Commissioners, was omitted from the motion.)

Article IX. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$134,000.00 for improving the Town's water system by laying water mains of not less than six inches but less than sixteen inches in diameter, and to meet this appropriation the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to borrow the sum of \$134,000.00 pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 8 (5) of the General Laws as amended and supplemented and to issue bonds or notes therefor, each issue of such bonds or notes to mature in not more than fifteen years from its date, provided that the amount of such bonds or notes actually issued shall be reduced by the amount of any Federal or State grants that may be received for such purpose prior to sale of such bonds or notes, and that the Board of Selectmen be authorized to apply for, accept, and expend any such Federal or State grants that may be available for the purposes stated above.

(Vote — Unanimous Yes)

Voted to dissolve this meeting at 7:58 p.m.

Attest: Carl J. Peterson, Jr., Town Clerk

**Action taken at the Annual Town Meeting
held April 2, 1979**

Moderator — Joseph R. White

Registered voters present — 166

(Quorum required — 25)

The Meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m.

The Clerk read the Return of the Warrant.

The Belchertown Jr. Sr. High School Band under the direction of Leland Corneille played the Star Spangled Banner, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Laura Adzima.

The Invocation was given by Rev. Bradford Purdy, Minister of the Congregational Church.

William Gerry Whitlock, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, made presentations to two Town officials who, for personal reasons, chose not to be candidates for re-election at the Annual Town Election.

Walter L. Papp, member of the Board of Assessors, was presented with a Commonwealth of Massachusetts Legislative Citation for community service and in recognition of his work as an Assessor.

Carl J. Peterson, Jr. was presented with the Outstanding Citizen Award. Chairman Whitlock referred to his past affiliation with the public School System and his more recent terms of office as Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, and Town & Tax Collector.

Both recipients made brief responses expressing appreciation for community support and the cooperation of staff and Town Officials.

Article I. Nominated and elected Janet L. Wood and Virginia M. Hislop as Almoners of the Whiting Street and the Mrs. Susan M.D. Bridgman Funds, each for one year, and Kenneth H. Snow as Trustee of the Calvin Bridgman Fund for three years.

(Vote — Unanimous Yes)

Article II. Voted to accept the reports of the officers of the Town and of any committee that may have been appointed by the Town with the exception of the Finance Committee.

(Vote — Unanimous Yes)

Article III. Voted to authorize the Assessors, the Cemetery Commissioners, the Sewer Commissioners and the Tree Warden to appoint themselves to work in their various departments for the ensuing fiscal year at hourly rates not exceeding the following:

Assessors	\$4.50
Cemetery Commissioners	4.50
Sewer Commissioners	4.50
Tree Warden	4.50

(Vote — Unanimous Yes)

Article IV. Voted to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning July 1, 1979, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17.

(Vote — Unanimous Yes)

Article V. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of 1400.00 to the Conservation Fund for the use of the Conservation Commission.

(Vote — Unanimous Yes)

Article VI. Voted to amend the Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts Personnel By-Law of July

1, 1976, as most recently amended prior hereto, as follows:

1. To amend Section 5A (1) by deleting same in its entirety and renumbering the remaining items consecutively.

2. To amend Section 5B (1) by deleting same in its entirety and renumbering the remaining items consecutively.

3. To amend Appendix A, by deleting same in its entirety and inserting in place thereof, the following:

Category and Position	Classification & Pay Level
A. Police	
Chief	Chapter 1082, Acts of 1971
B. Public Works	
Maintenance Equipment Operator	PW4
Skilled Laborer (Truck Driver)	PW3
Laborer I	PW2
Laborer II	PW1
C. Administration-Professional	
Highway Superintendent	12
Town Accountant	9
Planning Asst./Engineering Aid/Grantsman	7
Recreation Director	7
Council on Aging Aide	5
Building Inspector/Zoning Enforcement Officer/Assessors' Field Representative	10
D. Administrative Support	
Assistant Treasurer, Deputy Collector	7
Assistant Town Clerk, Deputy Collector	7
Assistant Town Accountant	7
Assessors' Office Manager	6
Assistant Assessor	7
Recreational Aide	4
E. Clerical	
Clerk IV	4
Clerk III	3
Clerk II	2
Clerk I	1
F. Maintenance	
Chief Maintenance	8
Maintenance Worker	6
Custodian	5

Compensation Plan

A. Part-Time Employees, Annual Salary Schedule:

Fire Chief	\$1,250.00
Deputy Fire Chief	750.00
School Crossing Guard	8.00 per day
Board of Health Sanitarian	650.00
Dog Officer	5.00 per action
Plumbing Inspector	4.00 per inspection
Veterans' Agent	2,205.00
Wiring Inspector	5.00 per inspection
Director of Civil Defense	350.00
Animal Inspector	300.00
Sealer of Weights & Measures	350.00
Gas Inspector	5.00 per inspection
Clerk, Board of Registrars	According to Ch. 41, 19G

B. Part-Time Employees, Hourly Schedule:

Fire Fighters	
attending school	4.35
Forest Fire Duty	4.00
Election Workers	2.99-3.60
Parks & Recreation Seasonal Employees	2.90-4.00
Public Works Seasonal Employees	2.90-4.00
Council on Aging Cooks and Drivers	2.90-3.60
Clerk/Typist	2.90-4.20

C. Weekly Salary Schedule for all full-time employees except Public Works and Seasonal Employees. A full-time employee is one who normally works thirty-five (35) hours or more per week.

Pay Level	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5
1	\$117.75	\$122.50	\$127.50	\$132.50	\$137.75
2	127.25	132.25	137.50	143.00	148.75
3	137.50	143.00	148.75	154.75	161.00
4	148.50	154.50	160.75	167.25	174.00
5	160.50	167.00	173.75	180.75	188.00
6	173.25	180.25	187.50	195.00	202.75
7	187.00	194.50	202.25	210.25	218.50
8	202.00	210.00	218.50	227.25	236.25
9	218.25	227.00	236.00	245.50	255.25
10	235.75	245.25	255.00	265.25	275.75
11	254.50	264.75	275.25	286.25	297.75
12	274.75	285.75	297.25	309.25	321.50

Employees classified as Administrative-Professional shall receive a weekly salary.

For all other employees who work less than forty (40) hours per week, divide the weekly salary by forty (40) and multiply by the number of hours actually worked.

D. Hourly Wage Schedule for Employees Classified

under Public Works.

Position	Classification	Hourly & Pay Level	Wage
Maintenance Equipment Operator	PW4		\$
Skilled Laborer (Truck Driver)	PW3		\$
Laborer I	PW2		\$
Laborer II	PW1		\$

(Vote — Unanimous Yes)

(A motion to amend to take no action was defeated by a majority vote.)

Article VII. On the Article — To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the State Aide to Libraries Account a sum of money to the Clapp Memorial Library Expense Account, or take any action relative thereto, *it was voted to take no action on this article.*

(Vote — Unanimous Yes)

Article VIII. Voted to appropriate from the Sale of Cemetery Lots Account the sum of \$735.00 to the Cemetery Commissioners Expense Account.

(Vote — Unanimous Yes)

Article IX. Voted to appropriate from the Reserve Fund-Overlay Surplus Account the sum of \$4,200.05 to the Reserve Fund for the use of the Finance Committee. (Rescinded - See Annual Town Meeting of 5-14-79).

(Vote — Unanimous Yes)

Article X. Voted to appropriate from Public Law #94-488 (Federal Revenue Sharing) the sum of \$7,000.00 to purchase and equip a new police cruiser.

(Vote — Unanimous Yes)

Article XI. Voted to appropriate from Public Law #94-488 (Federal Revenue Sharing) the sum of \$4,600.00 to purchase and equip a new sander for the Highway Department.

(Vote — Unanimous Yes)

Article XII. Voted to appropriate from Public Law #94-488 (Federal Revenue Sharing) the sum of \$40,000.00 for the maintenance and improvement of secondary streets.

(Voted — Majority Yes)

(Yes-126; No-1)

Article XIII. Voted to appropriate from Public Law #94-488 (Federal Revenue Sharing) the sum of \$21,550.00 to purchase and equip a dump truck for the Highway Department.

(Vote — Unanimous Yes)

Article XIV. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$100.00 to be used by the Assessors for legal counsel in resolving court tax cases.

(Vote — Unanimous Yes)

Article XV. On the article dealing with the Fiscal 1980 appropriation for Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District, it was voted that consideration of Article XV be postponed until Article XXII has been disposed of.

(Vote — Unanimous Yes)

Article XVI. Voted to require any person or firm engaging the services of the Tree Warden and Moth Superintendent in their official capacity to pay for such services at the rate of \$6.50 per hour, said compensation to be paid in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 53C of the Massachusetts General Laws.

(Vote — Unanimous Yes)

Article XVII. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$30,000.00 for improvements of the following streets, all public ways:

Summit Street

Sabin Street

Juckett Hill Road

Warren Wright Street

Federal Street

Blue Meadow Road

Green Avenue

Metacomet Street

pending reimbursement from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts under the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 497, Acts of 1971.

(Vote — Unanimous Yes)

Article XVIII. On the article - To see if the Town will vote to accept or reject the formulation of a mutual agreement whereby the Town of Belchertown and the undersigned (Michael A. Soja and Theodore Soja of George Hannum Street, Belchertown) will be able to remove gravel up to each other's boundary line. This action will prevent the eventual sloping of gravel which can be put to better use as landfill, or take any action relative thereto, *it was voted to take no action on this article.* (Reconsidered - See Annual Town Meeting of 5-14-79)

(Vote — Unanimous Yes)

Article XIX. Voted to appropriate from Public Law #94-488 (Federal Revenue Sharing) the sum of \$14,955.00 for the following capital expenditures:

Collector-Typewriter	\$ 900.00
Council on Aging-Typewriter	900.00
Maintenance-Miscellaneous Equipment	875.00
Lawrence Memorial Hall-Ventilation	2,000.00
Old Town Hall-Storm Windows (south side)	500.00
Fire Department-Miscellaneous Equipment	9,780.00

(Vote — Unanimous Yes)

Article XX. Voted to appropriate from Public Law #94-488 (Federal Revenue Sharing) the sum of \$2,500.00 for professional negotiating services for negotiating union contracts.

(Vote — Majority Yes)

(Yes-80; No-7)

Article XXI. Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for and accept funds from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Highway Improvement Program for use on Bay Road, Route 181, and the Three Rivers Pond.

(Vote — Unanimous Yes)

Prior to consideration of Article XXII, it was voted to adjourn the meeting to Monday, May 4, 1979 at 7:30 p.m. at th Belchertown Jr. Sr. High School. Time of adjournment - 9:10 p.m.

Attest:

CARL J. PETERSON, JR.

Carl J. Peterson, Jr.

Town Clerk

Action taken at the Special Town Meeting

held May 14, 1979

Fiscal 1979

Moderator — Joseph R. White

Registered voters present — 409

(Quorum required — 25)

The Meeting was called to order at 8:30 p.m. and recessed until 10:05 p.m. to permit completion of the Annual Town Meeting.

The Clerk read the Return of the Warrant.

Article I. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$1,764.54 to the Unemployment Compensation Account.

(Vote — Unanimous Yes)

Article II. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$50,000.00 to the Stabilization Fund.

(Vote — Unanimous)

Article III. Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to prepare and submit an application for a Community Development Block Grant to the Department of Housing and Urban Development pursuant to the Community Development Block Grant/Small Cities Program of the 1977 Housing and Community Development Act, as amended.

(Vote — Majority Yes)

Article IV. Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to spend any funding that the Town may receive from its application for a Community Development Block Grant to the Department of Housing and Urban Development Block /Small Cities Program of the 1977 Housing and Community Development Act, as amended.

(Vote — Majority Yes)

Article V. On the motion — To amend the Zoning By-Law as previously amended, in the following prescribed manner:

Under "Section V" entitled "Intensity Regulations" and under Subsection A. paragraph 2. in the District entitled "Agricultural" delete the Minimum Lot Area in Square Feet of 40,000 square feet, and delete the Dimension Frontage in Feet of 140 feet; and in their respective places insert the following:

Minimum Lot Area in Square Feet of 80,000 square feet; Dimension Frontage in Feet of 200 feet.

(Vote — No-215; Yes-99)

The motion did not carry

(During the discussion on this article, an amendment was proposed changing the Dimension Frontage in Feet from 250 feet, to 200 feet. This amendment carried by a vote of 189 to 73.)

At this point in the meeting, due to the late hour, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting until Monday night, May 21st. The motion did not carry by a majority vote.

Article VI. On the motion — To amend the Zoning By-Law, as previously amended, in the following prescribed manner:

Under "Section V" entitled "Intensity Regulations" and under Subsection A. delete paragraph "(d.)" in its entirety, and in its place insert the following:

"d. No use, including parking, signs and lighting, shall be permitted within 50 feet of the Zoning District boundary when abutting Residential Districts."

(Vote — Majority No)

The motion did not carry

Article VII. On the Article — To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-Law, as previously amended, in the following prescribed manner:

Under "Section VI" entitled *General Regulations*, and under Subsection C. *Parking Requirements*, after the first word "constructed", add the words, "reconstructed or renovated," so that the paragraph now reads: "Any building hereafter constructed, reconstructed or renovated for business or industrial use shall be so located upon its parcel of land that there may be provided an off-street parking area equal to twice the floor area of the building to be constructed", or take any action relative thereto,

it was voted to take no action on this article.

(Vote — Unanimous Yes)

Article VIII. Voted to amend the Official Zoning Map by deleting from the Agricultural District the following described land and including the same within the Business District:

Certain land within Belchertown, Massachusetts described as follows: Commencing at a point, in the easterly line of North Liberty Street, said point being two hundred fifty (250) feet northerly from the intersection of the easterly line of North Liberty Street and the northerly line of Barrett Street, thence running northerly 9°01'11" E. along said easterly line of North Liberty Street one hundred ninety-seven (197) feet to an iron pin; thence running south 82°49'39" E. two hundred twenty-one and twenty-three hundredths (221.23) feet along land now or formerly of Donald J. and Judith A. Moineau to an iron pin; thence running south 9°01'11" W. one hundred ninety-seven (197) feet along land now or formerly owned by Donald J. and Judith A. Moineau to an iron pin; thence running north 82°49'39" W. two hundred twenty-one and twenty-three hundredths (221.23) feet along land now or formerly of Lewis W. Slate to the point and place of beginning. Such land comprising of one acre, more or less.

(Vote: Yes-217; No-10;

Required for 2/3 = 151)

Article IX. Voted to amend the Official Zoning Map by deleting from the Residential District the following described land and including the same within the Business District:

Certain land with the buildings thereon being shown on a plan entitled "Plan showing land of Ethel L. Collis, Belchertown, Massachusetts" recorded with the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book of Plans 101, Page 36 and being more particularly bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point which point is distant one hundred fifty (150) feet Westerly along a course running South 60°49'08" West from an iron pin located on the Westerly side of Main Street at the South-

easterly corner of land now or formerly of Richard and Elizabeth Plant; thence running Southerly along a course one hundred fifty (150) feet Westerly from and parallel to the said Westerly line of Main Street said course running along other land of G.L.B. Corp. which said other land is presently zoned for business purposes to a point one hundred (100) feet Westerly from an iron pin on said Westerly line of Main Street said iron pin marking the Northeasterly corner of land now or formerly of the Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Belchertown; thence turning and running South 59°55'48" West along said land now or formerly of the Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Belchertown a distance of seventy and 64/100 (70.64) feet more or less to an iron pin; thence turning and running South 29°24'47" East along last named land one hundred thirty-five and 62/100 (135.62) feet to an iron pin; thence running South 30°15'00" East along land now or formerly of Petronella Squires one hundred fourteen and 46/100 (114.46) feet to an iron pin; thence turning and running South 61°49'55" West along land now or formerly of the Town of Belchertown (Center School) eighty-five and 32/100 (85.32) feet to an iron pin; thence turning and running North 28°47'01" West along last-named land eighty-two and 53/100 (82.53) feet to an iron pin; thence turning and running South 77°13'59" West along last-named land three hundred forty-two and 99/100 (342.99) feet to an iron pin; thence running South 79°15'56" West along land now or formerly of R & M Maguire two hundred twenty and 83/100 (220.83) feet to an iron pin; thence running South 80°14'41" West along last-named land one hundred ninety-one and 16/100 (191.16) feet to an iron pin; thence turning and running North 30°38'43" West along last-named land one hundred twenty-seven and 47/100 (127.47) feet to an iron pin; thence turning and running North 28°52'49" East along last-named land one hundred five and 22/100 (105.22) feet to an iron pin; thence turning and running North 70°13'25" East along last-named land fifty-five and 26/100 (55.26) feet to an iron pin; thence running North 73°13'58" East along land now or formerly of Richard and Elizabeth Plant three hundred twenty six and 96/100 (326.96) feet to an iron pin; thence turning and running North 12°04'28" West along last-named land two hundred six and 35/100 (206.35) feet to an iron pin; thence turning and running North 77°7'54" East along last-named land one hundred forty-four and 49/100 (144.49) feet to an iron pin; thence running South 81°38'31" East along last-named land twenty-eight and 50/100 (28.50) feet to an iron pin; thence running South 31°30'10" East along last-named land sixty-seven and 20/100 (67.20) feet to an iron pin; thence turning and running North 60°49'08" East along last-named land a distance of one hundred eighty-three and 54/100 (183.54) feet more or less to the point and place of beginning.

Article X. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$471.00 to the Historical Commission — Wage Account.

(Vote — Unanimous Yes)

Article XI. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$4,117.19 to the School, Department #9000 Account.

(Vote — Unanimous Yes)

Article XII. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$542.75 to pay the following bill incurred in a prior year:

Peter Pan Bus Lines

\$542.75

(Vote — Unanimous Yes)

Article XIII. Voted to instruct the Board of Selectmen and the School Committee to meet in joint session to appoint a committee of not less than five (5) nor more than seven (7) members, including one (1) member of the School Committee, and to appoint the Superintendent of Schools as an ex-officio member, to review plans, interview architects and present preliminary plans and cost estimates to the Annual Town Meeting of 1980, and further that said committee investigate the practicality of an alternative to new construction, e.g. the use of a State School building or buildings:

(Vote — Majority Yes)

(The original motion was amended, adding at the end of the words "Annual Town Meeting of 1980", the following — "and further that said committee investigate the practicality of an alternative to new construction, e.g. the use of a State School building or buildings."

(Vote on adding amendment — Majority Yes)

Article XIV. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$3,000.00 to the School Building Committee.

(Vote — Unanimous Yes)

Voted to dissolve this meeting at 12:07 a.m. May 15, 1979.

Attest: George R. Bach, Town Clerk

**Continuation on May 14, 1979
of Adjourned 4279 Annual Town Meeting**

Moderator — Joseph R. White

Registered voters present — 409

(Quorum required — 25)

The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

William Gerry Whitlock, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, led the meeting in a memorial moment of silence for the late Harold E. Mellin.

The Belchertown Jr. Sr. High School Band, under the direction of LeLand Corneille, played the Star Spangled Banner.

Samuel J. Joyal, Chairman of the Board of Assessors, spoke briefly on Governor King's 4% Tax Cap and its effect on our Town Budget and consequent tax rate.

William Gerry Whitlock, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, with visual and verbal presentation, explained the status of the Town's accounts on free cash, Federal Revenue Sharing, and Stabilization Fund. He further outlined the Alumni Town Budget as proposed, showing those items which may be excluded under the Governor's Tax Cap Plan, demonstrating

that with exclusions, our Fiscal Year 1980 Budget would be 12% under our Fiscal Year 1979 Budget if voted as recommended by the Finance Committee.

Article XXII. Voted to fix the salaries and compensation of all elected officers of the Town, as provided for by Section 108 of Chapter 41 of the General Laws, as amended; and to raise and appropriate, or appropriate from available funds in the treasury, money for departmental and incidental expenses of the Town of the ensuing fiscal year; and that the various major categories of the budget as contained in the Finance Committee's report be considered separately and acted upon; and further that these sums of money granted and appropriated for the several specific purposes therein designated, be expanded only for these purposes as specifically designated under the direction of the respective officers, boards, and committees of the Town.

(Vote — Unanimous Yes)

Article XXII. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$215,211.00 for general

Article XXII. (a) Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$215,211.00 for General Government, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote — Majority Yes)

Article XXII. (b) Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$22,660.00 for Municipal Buildings and Grounds, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote — Unanimous Yes)

Article XXII. (c) Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$224,848.00 for Protection of Persons and Property, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote — Unanimous Yes)

Article XXII. (d) Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$64,368.00 for Health and Sanitation, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Voted — Unanimous Yes)

Article XXII. (e) Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$234,388.00 for Highways and Sidewalks, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote — Unanimous Yes)

Article XXII. (f) Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,505.00 for the Veterans' Department, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote — Majority Yes)

Article XXII. (g) Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$22,900.00 for the Clapp Memorial Library, each item and amount recommended in the Finance

Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote — Majority Yes)

Article XXII. (h) Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$38,167.00 for Parks, Beach and Recreation, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Voted — Majority Yes)

Article XXII. (j) Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$213,301.00 for Pensions and Insurance, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote — Unanimous Yes)

Article XXII. (j) Voted to appropriate the sum of \$84,650.00, and to meet said appropriation to raise by taxation the sum of \$34,650.00 for the following named accounts:

Patriotic Exercises	\$300.00
Printing Town Report	6,100.00
Other Unclassified	3,250.00
Unemployment Compensation	25,000.00

and the balance thereof, to wit: \$50,000.00 to be appropriated from free cash in the treasury to the Reserve Fund.

(Vote — Unanimous Yes)

Article XXII. (k) Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,550.00 for Cemeteries, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote — Majority Yes)

Article XXII. (l) Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$61,277.50 for interest and Maturing Debt, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote — Unanimous Yes)

Article XXII. (m) Voted to appropriate the sum of \$2,036,756.00 to defray the following itemized expenses of the School Department:

#1000 — Administration	\$49,320.00
#2000 — Instruction	1,444,557.00
#2000 — Out of State Travel	640.00
#3000 — Other School Services	231,777.00
#4000 — Operation & Maintenance	246,166.00
#7000 — Fixed Assets	936.00
#9000 — Programs w/Other Schools	63,360.00

and to meet said appropriation the sum of \$5,924.07 is to be appropriated from unexpended funds in the Public Law #874 Account and the balance thereof to wit: \$2,030,831.93 is to be raised by taxation.

(Vote — Majority Yes)

(Before the final vote on this article, an amendment was made increasing the total sum to be appropriated to \$2,111,976.00 with corresponding changes in the various sub-accounts. This amendment was defeated.)

(During action on the preceeding article, the meeting was recessed briefly at 8:30 p.m. The Special Town Meeting scheduled for 8:30 p.m. was convened and

immediately recessed by the Moderator, at which time business of the Annual Town Meeting was resumed.)

Article XXII. (n) Voted to retain the balance of the fiscal year 1979 free cash in the treasury amounting to \$17,164.79

(Vote — Unanimous Yes)

Article XXII.)o) Voted to retain the total amount of fiscal year 1980 free cash as certified by the Bureau of Accounts.

(Vote — Unanimous Yes)

Article XV. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$164,562.88 to pay the Town's apportioned share of the capital budget, the operating and maintenance budget, and the evening school budget of the Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District.

(Vote — Majority Yes)

Voted to reconsider Article IX (regarding Reserve Fund appropriation for the use of the Finance Committee).

(Vote — Majority Yes)

Voted to rescind the action taken on Article IX.

(Vote — Majority Yes)

Voted to take no action on Article IX.

(Vote — Majority Yes)

Voted to reconsider Article XVIII (regarding mutual

agreement between Town of Belchertown, and Michael A. & Theodore Soja concerning gravel removal).

(Vote — Unanimous Yes)

Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into an appropriate agreement with Michael A. Soja and Theodore Soja concerning the removal of gravel along the common boundary line of Michael A. Soja and Theodore Soja and the Inhabitants of the Town of Belchertown, more particularly located off Hamilton Street, provided that the Town acting by and through the Board of Selectmen and Michael A. Soja and Theodore Soja have received appropriate special permits from the Zoning Board of Appeals pursuant to application that they will submit in accordance with the provisions of the Town of Belchertown Zoning By-Law and that any such agreement entered into by the Board of Selectmen on behalf of the Town will be contingent upon said special permits being granted by the Zoning Board of Appeals.

(Vote — Unanimous Yes)

Voted to dissolve this meeting at 10:00 p.m.

(Vote — Unanimous Yes)

Attest: George R. Bach, Town Clerk

CERTIFICATION OF APPROPRIATIONS TOWN MEETING HELD April 2, 1979

ARTICLE — BUDGET OR DEPT.	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	FROM TAX LEVY	FROM FREE CASH	FROM OTHER AVAIL. FUNDS	REVENUE SHARING
1. None	—	—	—	—	—
2. None	—	—	—	—	—
3. None	—	—	—	—	—
4. None	—	—	—	—	—
5. To Conservation Fund	400.00	—	400.00	—	—
6. None	—	—	—	—	—
7. None	—	—	—	—	—
8. From sale of cemetery lots acct. to Cemetery Commission Expense Account	735.00	—	—	735.00	—
9. From Reserve Fund-Overlay Surplus Account to Reserve Fund for Finance Committee *Rescinded — See Am. Town Meeting of 5-14-79	*4,200.05	—	—	4,200.05	—
10. Purchase & equipment police cruiser	7,000.00	—	—	—	7,000.00
11. Purchase & equipment sander — H'way Dept.	4,600.00	—	—	—	4,600.00
12. Maintenance & Improvement — secondary streets	40,000.00	—	—	—	40,000.00
13. Purchase & equipment dump truck — H'way Dept.	21,550.00	—	—	—	21,550.00
14. For Assrs. for legal counsel — court tax cases	100.00	—	100.00	—	—
15. Consideration of this article postponed until Article XXII disposed of	—	—	—	—	—
16. None	—	—	—	—	—
17. Public Ways — sundry, improvements (8)	30,000.00	—	30,000.00	—	—
18. None	—	—	—	—	—
19. Collector — Typewriter	14,955.00	—	—	—	900.00
Counsel on Aging — Typewriter	—	—	—	—	900.00
Maintenance — Miscellaneous Equipment	—	—	—	—	875.00
Lawrence Memorial Hall — Ventilation	—	—	—	—	2,000.00
Old Town Hall — storm windows	—	—	—	—	500.00
Fire Dept. — Miscellaneous Equipment	—	—	—	—	9,780.00
20. Professional negotiating services — union contracts	2,500.00	—	—	—	2,500.00
21. None	—	—	—	—	—
TOTALS	126,040.05	—	30,500.00	4,935.05	90,605.00
	-4,200.05			-4,200.05	
	\$121,840.00			\$ 735.00	

TOWN MEETING HELD May 14, 1979

ARTICLE — BUDGET DEPT.	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	FROM TAX LEVY	FROM FREE CASH	FROM OTHER AVAIL. FUNDS	REVENUE SHARING
22. Itemized Budgets					
(a) General Government (Total)	215,211.00	—	—	—	—
1. Moderator, wages	—	25.00	—	—	—
expenses	—	10.00	—	—	—
2. Selectmen, salaries	—	8,300.00	—	—	—
expenses	—	6,400.00	—	—	—
3. Accountant—Administrative Secretary					
salary	—	12,369.00	—	—	—
wages	—	10,262.00	—	—	—
expenses	—	2,400.00	—	—	—
4. Town Treasurer, salary	—	5,020.00	—	—	—
wages	—	13,436.00	—	—	—
expenses	—	2,840.00	—	—	—
5. Tax Collector, salary	—	5,020.00	—	—	—
wages	—	15,394.00	—	—	—
expenses	—	4,345.00	—	—	—
6. Town Clerk, salary	—	3,850.00	—	—	—
wages	—	11,111.00	—	—	—
expenses	—	2,245.00	—	—	—
7. Assessors, salary	—	3,200.00	—	—	—
wages	—	22,900.00	—	—	—
expenses	—	13,158.00	—	—	—
8. Law Account, expenses	—	6,600.00	—	—	—
8. Finance Committee, expenses	—	200.00	—	—	—
10. Election & Registration, salary	—	150.00	—	—	—
wages	—	7,250.00	—	—	—
expenses	—	2,250.00	—	—	—
11. Planning Board, wages	—	1,625.00	—	—	—
expenses	—	1,925.00	—	—	—
12. Ass't Planner/Eng. Aide/Grantswriter					
salary	—	10,664.00	—	—	—
expenses	—	700.00	—	—	—
13. Professional Engineering					
expenses	—	2,500.00	—	—	—
14. Board of Appeals, wages	—	800.00	—	—	—
expenses	—	300.00	—	—	—
15. Conservation Commission					
wages	—	120.00	—	—	—
expenses	—	600.00	—	—	—
16. Council on Aging, salaries	—	14,040.00	—	—	—
wages	—	4,970.00	—	—	—
expenses	—	3,559.00	—	—	—
17. Maintenance Groundskeeper					
wages	—	12,323.00	—	—	—
expenses	—	1,000.00	—	—	—
18. Industrial Development, expenses	—	150.00	—	—	—
19. Historical Commission, expenses	—	1,200.00	—	—	—
(b) Municipal Buildings & Grounds (Total)	22,660.00	—	—	—	—
20. Lawrence Memorial Hall, expenses	—	3,300.00	—	—	—
21. Municipal Garage, expenses	—	7,600.00	—	—	—
22. Old Town Hall, expenses	—	5,400.00	—	—	—
23. Finnerty House, expenses	—	3,450.00	—	—	—
24. Town Common, expenses	—	2,510.00	—	—	—
25. Town Clock, expenses	—	400.00	—	—	—
(c) Protection of Persons & Property (Total)	224,848.00	—	—	—	—
26. Police Department:					
Salary	—	19,756.00	—	—	—
Wages—Full Time	—	79,500.00	—	—	—
Wages—Part Time	—	29,206.00	—	—	—
Expenses	—	30,420.00	—	—	—
27. Fire Department, salaries	—	2,000.00	—	—	—
wages	—	7,050.00	—	—	—
expenses	—	13,025.00	—	—	—
out of state travel	—	300.00	—	—	—
28. Hydrant Service, expenses	—	6,025.00	—	—	—
29. Water Storage Holes, expenses	—	60.00	—	—	—
30. Sealer of Weights & Measures					
salary	—	350.00	—	—	—
expenses	—	180.00	—	—	—
31. Dog Officer, wages	—	1,300.00	—	—	—
expenses	—	795.00	—	—	—
32. Building Inspector/Zoning Officer					
Assistant Assessor					
salary	—	12,853.00	—	—	—
expenses	—	2,750.00	—	—	—
33. Wiring Inspector, wages	—	3,500.00	—	—	—

expenses	—	900.00	—	—	—
34. Burner Inspector, wages	—	2,000.00	—	—	—
expenses	—	500.00	—	—	—
35. Gas Inspector, wages	—	400.00	—	—	—
expenses	—	200.00	—	—	—
36. Civil Defense, salary	—	350.00	—	—	—
expenses	—	485.00	—	—	—
37. Insect & Pest Control, expenses	—	2,000.00	—	—	—
38. Dutch Elm Disease, wages	—	1,688.00	—	—	—
expenses	—	1,065.00	—	—	—
39. Tree Warden, wages	—	3,150.00	—	—	—
expenses	—	2,500.00	—	—	—
(d) Health & Sanitation (Total)	64,368.00	—	—	—	—
40. Health Dept., salaries	—	925.00	—	—	—
wages	—	7,900.00	—	—	—
expenses	—	11,275.00	—	—	—
41. Sewer Maintenance, salaries	—	1,250.00	—	—	—
wages	—	3,000.00	—	—	—
expenses	—	22,800.00	—	—	—
42. Sanitary Landfill, salaries	—	16,418.00	—	—	—
expenses	—	800.00	—	—	—
(e) Highways & Sidewalks (Total)	234,388.00	—	—	—	—
43. Highways—Superintendent, salary	—	15,555.00	—	—	—
44. Highways—General, wages	—	46,000.00	—	—	—
expenses	—	34,500.00	—	—	—
45. Highways—Benefits, wages	—	16,883.00	—	—	—
46. Highways—Sidewalks, expenses	—	5,000.00	—	—	—
47. Highways—Bridges & Culverts, expenses	—	12,000.00	—	—	—
48. Highways—Snow Removal, expenses	—	60,000.00	—	—	—
49. Highways—Street Lighting, expenses	—	18,000.00	—	—	—
50. Highways—Road Machinery, expenses	—	26,450.00	—	—	—
(f) Veterans' Department (Total)	20,505.00	—	—	—	—
51. Veterans', salary	—	2,205.00	—	—	—
wages	—	800.00	—	—	—
expenses	—	17,500.00	—	—	—
(g) Clapp Memorial Library (Total)	22,900	—	—	—	—
52. Clapp Memorial Library, wages	—	14,075.00	—	—	—
expenses	—	8,825.00	—	—	—
(h) Parks, Beach & Recreation (Total)	38,167.00	—	—	—	—
53. Parks, Beach, & Recreation, salary	—	10,558.00	—	—	—
wages	—	17,859.00	—	—	—
expenses	—	9,750.00	—	—	—
(i) Pensions & Insurance (Total)	213,301.00	—	—	—	—
54. Pensions	—	63,364.00	—	—	—
55. Insurance—General	—	64,507.00	—	—	—
56. Health Insurance	—	82,904.00	—	—	—
57. Life Insurance	—	2,526.00	—	—	—
(j) Unclassified (Total)	84,650.00	—	—	—	—
58. Patriotic Exercises	—	300.00	—	—	—
59. Printing Town Report	—	6,100.00	—	—	—
60. Unclassified (other)	—	3,250.00	—	—	—
61. Unemployment Compensation	—	25,000.00	—	—	—
62. Reserve Fund	—	—	50,000.00	—	—
(k) Cemetery Department (Total)	15,550.00	—	—	—	—
63. Cemeteries, salaries	—	800.00	—	—	—
wages	—	3,100.00	—	—	—
expenses	—	11,250.00	—	—	—
64. Veteran's Graves	—	400.00	—	—	—
(l) Interest and Maturing Debt (Total)	61,277.50	—	—	—	—
65. Interest—1963 School Bond	—	6,277.50	—	—	—
Temporary Short-Term Notes	—	10,000.00	—	—	—
66. Maturing Debt—1963 School Loan	—	45,000.00	—	—	—
(m) School Department (Total)	2,036,756.00	—	—	—	—
67. Schools:					
#1000 Administration,	—	49,320.00	—	—	—
#2000 Instruction	—	1,438,632.93	—	5,924.07 (P.L.874)	—
#2000 Out of State Travel	—	640.00	—	—	—
#3000 Other School Services	—	231,777.00	—	—	—
#4000 Operation & Maintenance	—	246,166.00	—	—	—
#7000 Fixed Assets	—	936.00	—	—	—
#9000 Programs w/Other Schools	—	63,360.00	—	—	—
(n) None	—	—	—	—	—
(o) None	—	—	—	—	—
15. Pathfinder Reg. Voc. Tech. H.S. Dist—					
(capital, oper. & maint., & evening					
school budgets	164,562.88	164,562.88	—	—	—

Reconsideration of Art. IX —
Rescinded action taken on Art. IX —
Voted to take no action on Art. IX — No appropriation

Attest: George R. Bach, Town Clerk

Town Election, April 9, 1979

*Denotes Elected Name	Prec. A	Prec. B	Totals
Moderator—1 year			
*Joseph R. White	1236	176	1412
Others	2	—	2
Blanks	216	19	235
	1454	195	1649
Town Clerk—1 year			
*George R. Bach	960	98	1058
Jack Hulmes, Jr.	464	96	560
Blanks	30	1	31
	1454	195	1649
Town Treasurer—3 years			
*George R. Bach	960	101	1061
Jack Hulmes, Jr.	461	93	554
Blanks	33	1	34
	1454	195	1649
Town & Tax Collector—1 year			
*George R. Bach	954	97	1051
Jack Hulmes, Jr.	465	94	559
Blanks	35	4	39
	1454	195	1649
Selectmen—3 years			
*Shirley A. Dorey	816	88	904
Kenneth H. Snow	473	42	515
Leopold M. Ablicki, Sr.	326	104	430
*Gregory R. Dillard	785	77	862
Owens Taylor	213	32	245
Others	1	—	1
Blanks	294	47	341
	2908	390	3298
School Committee—3 years			
*Sharon L. Chapman	556	68	624
*William M. Russell	676	99	775
Dale R. Belden	93	32	125
Ronald Hirsch	107	19	126
Rita E. Lapointe	398	37	435
Edward H. Parker	547	62	609
Keith W. McHaffie	153	11	164
Others	2	—	2
Blanks	376	62	438
	2908	390	3298
Planning Board—5 years			
*Stephen S. Lanphear	1179	159	1338
Others	4	—	4
Blanks	271	36	307
	1454	195	1649

*Denotes Elected Name	Prec. A	Prec. B	Totals
Cemetery Commissioner—3 years			
*Paul C. Cook	1221	166	1387
Others	2	—	2
Blanks	231	29	260
	1454	195	1649
Board of Assessors—3 years			
*David A. Staples	881	133	1014
Roy A. Voci	492	37	529
Others	1	—	1
Blanks	80	25	105
	1454	195	1649
Housing Authority—5 years			
*Sophia M. Pero	1200	165	1365
Others	2	—	2
Blanks	252	30	282
	1454	195	1649
Tree Warden—3 years			
*Albert W. Brown	1248	176	1424
Others	4	—	4
Blanks	202	19	221
	1454	195	1649
Sewer Commissioner—3 years			
*Harry L. Brougham	1205	167	1372
Others	2	—	2
Blanks	247	28	275
	1454	195	1649
Board of Health—3 years			
*Francis A. Dudek	1222	176	1398
Others	6	—	6
Blanks	226	19	245
	1454	195	1649
Votes cast on April 9, 1979	1454	195	1649
Registered voters at Belchertown:			
Republican	525	32	557
Democrat	887	139	1026
American	2	0	2
Independent	1555	240	1795
	2969	411	3380

A true copy, attest: Carl J. Peterson, Jr., Town Clerk

**Action Taken at the Special Town Meeting
held July 30, 1979**

Fiscal 1980

Moderator — Joseph R. White

Registered voters present — 134

(Quorum required — 25)

The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

The Clerk read the Return of the Warrant.

Article I. Voted to accept as a public way that street or road known as Fox Run Drive as it is more particularly shown on a plan of land recorded with the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 103, Page 67, the description of which as appearing on said plan is incorporated by reference herein.

(Vote: Yes-80; No-30;

Required for 2/3 = 73)

(Vote — Majority Yes)

Article II. On the motion — To amend the official zoning map, as previously amended, in the following prescribed manner:

By deleting from the business and agricultural districts the following described land and including the same within the multi-family district:

The land in Belchertown, Hampshire County, Massachusetts, known and designated as Lot No.3 and situated on the northerly side of North Street, in said Belchertown, said land being shown on a plan of land entitled "Plan of Land in Belchertown Owned By Arthur R. Lemire showing Revision of Lots", dated April 2, 1979, by Cold Spring Associates, Inc., said plan to be recorded with the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds, said land being more particularly bounded and described according to said plan as follows:

Beginning at an iron pin in the northerly sideline of North Street, said iron pin being located one hundred ninety-eight and no/100 (198.00) feet from the intersection of the easterly sideline of Amherst Road and the northerly sideline of said North Street and being the southwesterly corner of the premises described herein; thence running

N. 18° 16' 51" E. two hundred sixty-two and 68/100 (262.68) feet along Lot No. 2 to a point; thence turning and running

N. 7° 55' 19" W. one hundred thirty-nine and 92/100 (139.92) feet along Lot No. 1 to a point; thence turning and running

S. 79° 57' 30" W. forty and no/100 (40.00) feet along said Lot No. 1 to a point; thence turning and running

N. 10° 02' 30" W. ninety and no/100 (90.00) feet along land now or formerly of S. & W. Renner to a point; thence turning and running

N. 80° 06' 46" E. two hundred ninety six and 64/100 (296.64) feet along Lot No. 3A to an iron pin; thence turning and running

S. 30° 16' 50" W. six hundred thirteen and 84/100 (613.84) feet along Lot No. 4 to an iron pin set in the northerly sideline of said North Street; thence turning and running

Along a curve to the left having a radius of 610.00 eighty-four and 47/100 (84.47) feet to a stone bound; thence turning and running N. 72 00' 29" W. one hundred ninety-six and 47/100 (196.47) feet to the point of beginning, the last two courses being along the northerly sideline of said North Street; containing 131,135.0 square feet of land according to said plan;

(Vote: Yes-7; No-97;

Required for 2/3 = 69)

(Vote — Majority No)

Article III. Voted to appropriate from Public Law #94-488 (Federal Revenue Sharing) \$7,000.00 to purchase and equip a Police Cruiser.

(Vote — Unanimous Yes)

Article IV. Voted to appropriate from Public Law #94-488 (Federal Revenue Sharing) \$2,500.00 in conjunction with that voted at the Annual Town Meeting of April 4, 1977 and the Special Town Meeting of April 3, 1978 to construct a parking area at the Cold Spring School on land acquired from Eleanor S. Bartlett.

(Vote — Unanimous Yes)

Article V. Voted to appropriate from Public Law #94-488 (Federal Revenue Sharing) \$10,500.00 for the rental and expenses of additional classroom space for the School Department.

(Vote — Unanimous Yes)

Article VI. Voted to appropriate from Public Law #94-488 (Federal Revenue Sharing) \$2,000.00 to partition space at Cold Spring School to meet the requirements of Chapter 766.

(Vote — Unanimous Yes)

Voted to dissolve this meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Attest: George R. Bach, Town Clerk

**Action taken at the Special Town Meeting
held September 17, 1979** Fiscal 1980
Moderator — Joseph R. White
Registered voters present — 284
(Quorum required — 25)
The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

The Moderator recognized Mr. Samuel Joyal, Chairman of the Board of Assessors, who addressed the meeting with information relative to the tax rate — \$2,227,000. to be raised by taxes in FY 80 — a tax rate for FY 80 of \$28.50 per 1000 is projected by the Board.
The Clerk read the Return of the Warrant.
Article I. Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell by competitive proposal the 1970 International Dump Truck.
(Vote — Unanimous Yes)

(The original motion was amended by a unanimous vote correcting the year of the truck from 1972 to 1970)
Article II. Voted to appropriate from Public Law #94-488, Federal Revenue sharing, the sum of \$1,095.00 to purchase a check writing machine for the Treasurer.
(Vote — Unanimous Yes)
Article III. Voted to appropriate from Public Law #94-488, Federal Revenue Sharing, the sum of \$5,000.00 to purchase and install storm windows for the Clapp Memorial Library.
(Vote — Unanimous Yes)

Article IV. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$13.80 to pay the following bill incurred in a previous year:
Elder Lumber \$13.80
(Vote — Unanimous Yes)
Article V. Voted to appropriate from Public Law #94-488, Federal Revenue Sharing, the sum of \$1,000.00 to purchase and install radios for the Highway Department.
(Vote — Unanimous Yes)

Article VI. Voted to appropriate from Public Law #94-488, Federal Revenue Sharing, the sum of \$3,000.00 for an improved ventilation and heating system at the Finnerty House.
(Vote: Yes-239; No-3;
Required for 2/3 = 161)
(Vote — Majority Yes)

Article VII. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$75,000.00 to the Stabilization Fund.
(Vote — Unanimous Yes)

Article VIII. Voted to confirm by a two-thirds vote that amount of the school budget voted at the Annual Town Meeting of May 14, 1979, which is over the four percent tax cap, to wit: \$2,746.00, so that the total amount voted is \$2,036,756.00.
(Voted — Unanimous Yes)

Article IX. (a)Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$82, 937.00, all of which is over the tax cap according to Chapter 151 of the Acts of 1979; said sum to be used in conjunction with that voted at the Annual Town Meeting of May 14, 1979 to defray the expenses of the School Department for the 1980 fiscal year; such expenses as itemized in the following number:

#2000 — Instruction	\$28,844.00
#3000 — Other School Services	19,000.00
#4000 — Operation & Maintenance	21,073.00
#9000 — Programs w/Other Schools	14,020.00
(Vote: Yes-233; No-28; Required for 2/3 = 174) (Vote — Majority Yes)	

(b) Voted to exceed the tax cap according to Chapter 151 of the Acts of 1979 by exceeding the certified fiscal 1980 appropriations limit by \$110,000.00.
(Vote: Yes-223; No-15;
Required for 2/3 = 158)
(Vote — Majority Yes)

(c) Voted to exceed the tax cap according to Chapter 151 of the Acts of 1979 by exceeding the certified fiscal 1980 levy limit by \$110,000.00.
(Vote: Yes-227; No-12;
Required for 2/3 = 159)
(Vote — Majority Yes)

(Prior to the votes under the subsections, a motion was made but defeated calling for voting on this article by paper ballot. The vote was: Yes-62; No-183; Motion defeated.)
Voted to dissolve this meeting at 8:22 p.m.
Attest: George R. Bach, Town Clerk

**Action taken at the Special Town Meeting
held October 29, 1979** Fiscal 1980
The meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by Town Moderator Joseph R. White, and immediately recessed in order to allow time for more voters to be checked in by the Registrars, there being a large number of voters waiting for admittance to the hall. The meeting was reconvened at 7:50 P.M. with 286 voters in attendance.
The Return of the Warrant was read by the Town Clerk.

Article I. Voted to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow the sum of \$23,000.00 for the repair of East Street pending reimbursement from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Department of Public Works, as certified in a contract with the Department of Public Works for such repair.
(Vote — Unanimous Yes)

Article II. Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to prepare and submit a pre-application, and if need be, a full-application for a Community Development Block Grant to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development pursuant to the Community Development Block Grant/Small Cities Program of the 1977 Housing and Community Development Act.
(Vote — Majority Yes)

Article III. Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to spend any funding the Town may receive from its application for a Community Development Block Grant to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development pursuant to the Community Development Block Grant/Small Cities Program of the 1977 Housing and Community Development Act.
(Vote — Majority Yes)
Ms. Joanne Newman asked for and received

permission to make a brief slide presentation regarding the Zoning articles about to be presented and voted upon.

Mr. Henry Renouf requested and received permission to give a brief history of Belchertown's Zoning By-Laws.

Mr. William Cary entered into the record the attached letter from the Planning Board.

Article IV. Voted to amend the Zoning By-Laws, as previously amended, in the following prescribed manner:

Under Section VI-D. entitled "Temporary Shelters" delete the phrase "Board of Selectmen" wherever it appears and insert in its place: the phrase "Building Inspector".

(Vote: Yes-152; No-70;
Required for 2/3 = 148)

(Vote — Majority Yes)

Article V. Voted to amend the Zoning By-Law, as previously amended, in the following prescribed manner:

Under Section VI-A, entitled "NON-CONFORMING USES" add the following paragraph:

7. Any alteration, extension or change to a pre-existing non-conforming structure or use may be permitted by Special Permit, if the Board of Appeals finds that such alteration, extension or change shall not be more detrimental to the neighborhood than the existing non-conforming use.

(Vote: Yes-212; No-2;
Required for 2/3 = 142)

(Vote — Majority Yes)

(The original motion was amended deleting the word "substantially". Vote on amendment-Majority Yes)

Article VI. On the motion — To amend the Zoning By-Law, as previously amended in the manner previously described by the Moderator (refer to Warrant Article VI for entire text), Reconsidered and passed on 11/8/79 (See Art VI of 11/8/79 minutes)

the motion did not carry. Vote: Yes-138; Needed to pass = 142

A motion to reconsider passed by a majority.

Article VI reconsidered but did not pass. Vote: Yes-148; No-90; Needed to pass = 158.

Article VII. Voted to amend the Zoning By-Law, as previously amended, in the following prescribed manner:

Under Section III-A. entitled "Types of Districts" delete the paragraph in its entirety, and insert in its place the following:

A. Types of Districts

For the purposes of this bylaw, the Town of Belchertown is hereby divided into the following types of use districts:

1. General Residential (GR)

These are neighborhoods which are characterized by their relatively quiet atmosphere and the exclusion of non-residential uses.

2. Multi-Family Residential (MF)

These are areas which are suitable to meet the needs of more intensive residential use.

3. Agricultural (A)

These are areas which are best suited to the land uses and activities common in the less developed areas of a rural town, primarily but not exclusively farm and forest uses.

4. General Business (GB)

These are areas suited for concentrated commercial use, and which serve areas larger than the immediate neighborhood.

5. Limited Business (LB)

These are areas which limit the type, intensity, and appearance of business and other uses, because of the historic character of the area, or because of its proximity to residential, scenic, or historic areas.

6. Industrial (I)

There are areas suited for manufacturing and other business uses which require large expanses of land, convenient access by truck or rail, and/or isolation from residential areas.

7. Water Protection District (WP)

There are streams, wet lands with water at or near the surface 7 to 12 months of the year, and adjacent lands. In all these areas, caution must be exercised during construction of buildings or alterations to the land.

(Vote: Yes-195; No-29;
Required for 2/3 = 149)

(Vote — Majority Yes)

(An amendment was offered to delete paragraph 7, prior to the final vote under this article. A majority vote of Yes-206, No-12, cut off debate on the motion, but the motion to amend did not carry by: majority No.)

Article VIII. Voted to amend the Zoning By-Law, as previously amended, in the following manner:

Under Section IV.D entitled "Industrial District" delete the phrase "D. INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT", and in its place insert the following:

"E. INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT"

and

Under Section IV.E. entitled "Prohibited Uses" delete the phrase "E. PROHIBITED USES", and in its place insert the following:

"G. PROHIBITED USES"

and

Under Section IV. entitled "Use Regulations" add the following paragraph:

"D. LIMITED BUSINESS DISTRICT"

1. Permitted Uses

a. Any use permitted as a matter of right in a general residential district

2. Uses which may be permitted by the Board of Appeals by Special Permit

a. Any use permitted by Special Permit in a general residential district

b. Any multi-family use of four units or less, and any business uses, described in Section IV D of this bylaw (Business District) which conform with the regulations in Section VII-B (2) of this bylaw (Board of Appeals) and which meet the following conditions, as applicable:

1. no storage of equipment, supplies or merchandise

outside of the building(s) on the lot

2. the appearance of any and all buildings is not inconsistent with the character of neighboring structures

3. parkings and loading shall be provided in conformance with Section VI-C (Parking), and shall be provided to the rear of a line formed by the minimum front yard requirement applicable in a business zone

4. maximum size of freestanding signs shall be 6 square feet. Maximum size of all signs shall be 20 square feet. Signs must conform with the requirements of Section VI-D of this bylaw (Signs).

5. the retention of all healthy shade trees on the lot, over 12 inches in diameter, between the principal structure and the street

3. Establishments of the following types are not permitted:

a. restaurant establishments whose principal activity is the sale of prepared food for off premises consumption, commonly called "fast food" restaurants.

b. establishments selling, servicing, cleaning, fueling and/or repairing motorized vehicles

c. salvage or junk yards

d. lumber yards

(Vote: Yes-206; No-13;

Required for 2/3 = 146)

(Vote — Majority Yes)

Article IX. Voted to amend the Zoning By-Law, as previously amended, in the following prescribed manner:

Under Section IV. entitled "Use Regulations" add the following paragraph:

E. WATER PROTECTION DISTRICT

1. PURPOSE

The Water Protection District is an overlay District. It applies to all lands within 100 feet of the annual high water line of a stream, lake, pond or watercourse, and all lands within one hundred feet of all poorly or very poorly drained soils, as classified by the National Cooperative Soil Survey, mapped by the U.S. Soil Conservation Service, and shown as an overlay on the town zoning map referred to in Section III-B of this bylaw.

The purpose of this subsection is to:

(a) protect citizens from flooding, poor drainage, reduced property values, impaired water supplies, and threats to health and safety, in wetlands and along streams and other water courses, and

(b) to complement the provisions of the Massachusetts Wetland Protection Act, Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 131, Section 40.

2. PERMITTED USES

Any use permitted in the underlying zone (general residential, rural residential, multi-family, business, limited business, or industrial) is permitted in the Water Protection District.

A building permit in the water protection overlay shall be obtained in the following manner:

(a) The applicant shall submit to the Building Inspector, in addition to other requirements for a

building permit, either:

(1) a negative declaration of applicability of the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act, Mass. General Laws, Chapter 131, Section 40 issued by the Conservation Commission, as described in that Act, or

(2) an Order of Conditions, as defined in the Wetlands Protection Act, issued by either the Belchertown Conservation Commission or the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Quality, covering the proposed buildings, structures, and related improvements

(b) The Building Inspector may issue a building permit only after receipt, from the applicant, of the original or a certified copy of either (1) or (2), above.

3. Any use or uses which may be permitted, by Special Permit in the underlying zone by the Board of Appeals are also permitted by Special Permit in the Water Protection Overlay, as long as they conform with Section VIII-B (2) of this bylaw (Board of Appeals), and with any and all requirements of the applicable zone.

The applicant shall submit to the Board of Appeals, in addition to other requirements for a Special Permit, a Declaration of Applicability of the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act from the Conservation Commission, as described in that Act.

4. Anyone filling, dredging, grading, or otherwise altering land, waterbodies or watercourses within the Water Protection Overlay must obtain a permit from the Building Inspector. The Building Inspector shall issue a permit after the applicant has complied with the procedures specified in Subsection 2 (a) and (b), above. Normal maintenance or improvement of land in agricultural use is excepted from the provisions of this Subsection.

(Vote: Yes-201; No-5;

Required for 2/3 = 137)

(Vote — Majority Yes)

Article X. Voted to amend the Zoning By-Law, as previously amended, in the following prescribed manner:

Under Section VI. entitled "General Regulations" delete paragraph C. entitled "Parking Requirements" in its entirety, and in its place insert the following:

C. Parking Regulations

1. General Requirements

Off-street parking shall be provided in conjunction with the construction, conversion and/or expansion of any structure, as well as upon the expansion of use, and shall be located on the lot, or on a lot under the same ownership within 300 feet of the building. In the case of expansion or conversion these standards shall apply only to the expanded or converted space.

2. Design Standards

a. A standard parking space shall be considered an area nine feet wide by eighteen feet long and shall be clearly delineated within the lot, for all uses except single family dwellings.

b. Parking aisles shall be a minimum of eighteen feet wide for angle parking and twenty four feet wide for

perpendicular parking, for all uses except single family dwellings.

c. Parking areas shall be constructed so that vehicles do not have to back into a public way or across a sidewalk.

d. Parking areas that abut public ways or any other property line must be separated from the street by a landscaped strip which is a minimum of ten feet wide, for all uses except single family dwellings.

e. All lighting shall be shielded from adjacent properties and public ways.

3. Off-Street Parking Standards

Parking facilities shall contain not less than the following minimum parking spaces, with unobstructed driveway access to each space. In the case of uses not specifically mentioned below, provisions for the use most similar shall apply.

Article XI. Voted to amend the Zoning By-Law, as previously amended, in the following prescribed manner:

Under Section VI. entitled "General Regulations" add a new subsection as follows:

e. SIGN REGULATIONS

1. No new sign shall hereafter be erected, constructed, altered except as herein provided and until after a permit has been issued by the Building Inspector, provided that the total area of such sign exceeds one (1) square foot. All signs, wherever located, must be in conformity with the State Code, available from the Building Inspector or Enforcement Officer.

2. The combined total square foot area of a sign or signs, either on or off the premises, shall be in accordance with the schedule shown below.

	Max. Square Footage per sign	Max. Square Footage per business
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Type of District

General Residential	4	8
Agricultural	6	12
Multi-Family	40	40
Limited Business	20	20
General Business	80	80
Industrial	100	100

Where more than one sign is desired, several signs may be used provided that their total combined area does not exceed the amounts shown in the schedule. The combined area of all signs, whether on or off the premises, shall not exceed the amounts allowed in this schedule.

When several businesses are located on one lot, these standards shall apply to each business.

3. One additional sign per lot, not in excess of 100 square feet, may be permitted by the Board of Appeals within General Business and Industrial Zones, and Limited Business Zones, when several businesses are located within one property, as in shopping centers or industrial parks.

4. The limitations as to signs permitted does not apply to traffic or directional signs which are

necessary for the safety and direction of residents, employees, customers and visitors, whether in a vehicle or on foot, of any business, industry, or residence. Such signs shall not carry the name of any business or project.

5. In any district, one unlighted temporary sign of an architect, engineer or contractor, erected during the period such person is performing work on the premises on which such sign is erected, shall be permitted provided it shall not exceed ten (10) square feet in surface area, inclusive of any framing material.

6. Signs painted or placed on the inside of the window shall be permitted, provided that the aggregate area of such signs does not exceed twenty (20) percent of the area of the window glass.

7. One (1) Real Estate sign having an area of not more than ten (10) square feet and advertising the sale, rental, or lease of the premises on which they are maintained is permitted.

8. All signs erected for a permitted use, use by a Special Permit, or a special event, including signs advertising the sale of rental of premises, shall be promptly removed when the circumstances leading to their erection no longer apply.

9. Signs shall be non-flashing, non-moving, non-animated, shall not interfere with traffic visibility, and shall not protrude over any lot line. Illumination provided for signs shall be internal or by indirect method with white light only. The light source shall be shielded so as to prevent light rays from extending beyond the lot line or interfering with vehicular traffic.

10. No off premises signs are permitted in general residential zones.

(Vote: Yes-140; No-1;
Required for 2/3 = 94)
(Vote — Majority Yes)

The original motion was amended with two changes; both of the changes passed and are included in the article above as finally voted — Amendment #1-amended the opening line in subsection #3 of section E. *Sign Regulations* by adding the words "per lot" to read "One additional sign per lot not in excess of 100 square feet . . ." Vote — Unanimous Yes.

Amendment #3

Ignore above line

Also, two amendments were offered but did not pass.

Amendment #2 proposed two changes submitted as one amendment

a) a change in subsection #2 of Section E. *Sign Regulations* which would have omitted the words "either, or off" in the opening sentence.

b) a change in subsection #10 of Section E. *Sign Regulations* would have deleted the words "in general residential zones".

This amendment was not considered because Town Counsel ruled it was not admissable due to its restrictive nature.

Amendment #4-proposed adding a paragraph #11 as follows:

"Signs shall be permitted without a permit if such signs are of paper or paperboard and temporary (72 hours or less) or designed for the purpose of political campaigning." Vote — Unanimous No

The hour getting late, a motion was made for a count on those wishing to proceed with business, and those wishing to adjourn. The vote was: To Proceed-35; To adjourn-98.

At 10:30 p.m. it was voted to adjourn and reconvene on Thursday, November 8, 1979 at 7:30 p.m. in Lawrence Memorial Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Attest: George R. Bach, Town Clerk

Continuation on November 8, 1979 of Adjourned
10/29/79 Special Town Meeting Fiscal 1980
Moderator — Joseph R. White
Registered voters present —
(Quorum required — 25)
The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

Article XII. Voted to amend the Zoning By-Law, as previously amended, in the following prescribed manner:

Under Section VI entitled "General Regulations" add a new subsection as follows:

F. FENCE REGULATIONS

1. No fence shall be erected or maintained in the front yard of a corner lot in a manner which interferes with traffic visibility across the center.

2. Fences shall be placed with the most attractive side (e.g., in the case of a picket fence, the side without horizontal members) facing the street and neighboring properties.

3. All Swimming Pools which contain more than eighteen (18) inches of water (below grade) or any above ground pool with a wall height of more than eighteen (18) inches, but less than forty-eight (48) inches above the ground level shall be enclosed as described below:

a. Such enclosures, including any gates, shall be secured against unauthorized entry, and must not be less than four (4) feet in height (public or semi-public pools must have enclosures of not less than six (6) feet in height).

b. A dwelling or accessory building may be used as part of such enclosure provided that there are no windows, doors or other openings which open into the pool enclosure that cannot be made secure against unauthorized entry.

c. Above ground pools having a wall height of forty-eight (48) inches or more above the ground level shall be considered to have complied with the above regulations provided that any decks, docks, ladders, or catwalks within six (6) feet of said pools, will be secured against unauthorized entry.

(Vote — Unanimous Yes)

Article XIII. Voted to amend the Zoning By-Law, as previously amended, in the following prescribed manner:

Under Section IV entitled "USE REGULATIONS" add

the new subsection as follows:

F. HOME OCCUPATIONS

1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this section is to encourage home occupations which enhance the economic base, incomes and employment base within the Town of Belchertown, and which do not detract from the property values and character of the areas adjacent to the proposed activity.

2. Any use of home or building in a residential zone, which is not otherwise prohibited, and which is clearly accessory (secondary) to the main, permitted use on the premises, shall be permitted only by special permit, and it must conform with the following requirements:

(an XXX in the column indicates that the requirements applies)

Requirements	Zone	
	Gen. Res.	Agricultural
only residents are employed there, part- or full-time	XXX	
no more than two non-residents are employed there, part- or full-time		XXX
owner/operators must live on the premises	XXX	XXX
all sounds audible off the premises must be common, in intensity, frequency and time of occurrence, to the surrounding residential neighborhood	XXX	XXX
no structural or cosmetic changes are permitted which alter the residential appearance of the building or the site	XXX	
all operations, including storage, but excluding the transmittal of merchandise or materials, must be carried on within the building on the site	XXX	XXX
adequate parking must be provided, off the street, in conformance with Section VI-C of this bylaw	XXX	XXX
signs erected on premises shall be consistent with the regulations of Section VI-E of the General Regulations	XXX	
the accessory use poses no serious hazards to abutters,		

vehicles, or pedestrians

XXX

XXX

(Vote: Yes-121; No-40;
Required for 2/3 = 107)
(Vote — Majority Yes)

(The original motion was amended changing the paragraph under F.2. beginning "no more than ... feet in area" to "signs erected on premises ... of the General Regulations." Vote on amendment-Unanimous Yes)

(An amendment was proposed but withdrawn by unanimous vote which would have, if accepted, changed the paragraph under F.2. beginning "no more than ... feet in area" to read "no more than one sign is permitted, which must be less than 4 square feet in General Residential area and 6 square feet in Agricultural area. Amendment withdrawn by unanimous vote.)

At this point in the meeting, it was voted to change the order of business to take up Articles XIX, XX, & XXI. Vote — Majority Yes.

Article XIX. Voted to amend the Official Zoning Map by deleting from the Agricultural District the following described land and including the same within the General Residential District:

all parcels of land that about the following subdivision roads: Brandywine Drive, Clearbrook Drive, Country Lane, Daniel Square, Daniel Square Extension, Forest Road, Fox Run Drive, Heritage Crive, Jeffrey Lane, Jon Drive, Juniper Drve, Lawrence Road, Ledgewood Circle, Ledgewood Drive, Maplecrest Drive, Metacomet Circle, Old Farm Circle, Old Farm Road, Pinebrook Drive, Sherwood Drive, and Spruce Drive, as is more particularly shown on a map on display in the Town Clerk's office.

(Vote: Yes-120; No-38;
Required for 2/3 = 105)
(Vote — Majority Yes)

(Several amendments were proposed and acted upon as follows:)

#1-Proposed to delete the road "Fox Run Drive" from the list.

(Vote: Majority No (71-75).

#2-Deleted the words "Country Lane" where the same appeared and inserted in place thereof the words "Country Lane" (merely corrected a typographical error).

Vote: Unanimous Yes.

#3-Proposed to add, after the listing of Maplecrest Drive, the words "with the exception of Lots 19 & 20".

Vote — Majority No.

#4-Proposed "to take no action on Art. 19 and instruct the members of the Citizens Planning Commission and the B'town Planning Board to notify by certified mail all those residents who reside on the following roads that their property is to be considered for rezoning from Agricultural to Residential"

Vote: Majority No (40-118)

Article XX. Voted to amend the Official Zoning Map by deleting from the Business District the following described land and including the same within the Limited Business District:

that land which is presently zoned Business located around the Town Common (abutting Main Street, Park Street and portions of Jabish Street and East Walnut Street), and the intersection of Jackson Street and North Main Street, and the intersection of Maple Street and South Main Street, as is more particularly shown on a map on display in the Town Clerk's Office.

(Vote — Unanimous Yes)

Article XXI. Voted to amend the Official Zoning Map by including land within 100 feet of the annual high water line of a stream, lake, pond or watercourse, and land within one hundred feet of poorly drained soils, as is more particularly shown on a map on display in the Town Clerk's Office, in the Water Protection District.

(Vote: Yes-133; No-13;
Required for 2/3 = 97)
(Vote — Majority Yes)

Article XIV. Voted to amend the Zoning By-Law, as previously amended, in the following prescribed manner:

Under Section IV-B-2 entitled "Agricultural Districts, Uses Permitted by Board of Appeals", delete section "e." in its entirety;
and

Under Section VI entitled "General Regulations" add a new subsection as follows:
G. REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE BREED-
ING, RAISING OR KEEPING OF ANIMALS

The breeding, raising and/or keeping of animals is permitted in Belchertown as a matter of right, subject to the following health and safety regulations:

1. Goats, sheep, horses, swine, cows and similar livestock shall be kept on a lot:

a. with stables, buildings, and shelters set back in conformance with the front, rear and side yard requirements, as defined in Section V-B of this bylaw for a principal building of the zone in which they are located.

b. with indoor and outdoor areas well drained and reasonably free of excess odor, dust, noise and mud, so as not to create a nuisance or health hazard to the surrounding property owners.

c. with adequate fencing to contain the animals within the property boundaries.

d. in conformance with all regulations of the Belchertown Board of Health.

2. The raising of fur bearing animals and swine shall be carried out in compliance with regulations of the Board of Health, Town of Belchertown, and in no case shall this activity be carried out within 500 feet of any property line.

3. Nothing in this section is intended to regulate the keeping, raising or breeding of animals as part of an agricultural enterprise, on five or more acres of land.

(Vote: Yes-101; No-7;
Required for 2/3 = 72)
(Vote — Majority Yes)

Several amendments were proposed and acted upon as follows:

#1-Deleted the numbers "80,000 square feet" and substituted the numbers "30,000 square feet" in Sec.

G., 1., a.

Vote: (majority Yes 64-63)

#2- Deleted the numbers "30,000 square feet" and substituted the numbers "40,000 square feet" in Sec. G., 1.,a.

Vote: (Majority Yes 61-46)

#3- Under Sec. G., 1., the words "on a lot" were added at the end of the sentence to read "Goats, sheep, . . . shall be kept on a lot"; Subsection a. under G., 1., was deleted entirely, thus relettering the four remaining subsections as a., b., c., d.

(Unanimous Yes)

#4- Amn amendment was proposed but withdrawn by unanimous vote which would have, if accepted, in Section G.,2., deleted the words "fur bearing" and inserted in place thereof the word "herd".

(Amendment withdrawn by unanimous vote.)

(See footnote 1)

Article XV. Voted to amend the Zoning By-Law, as previously amended, in the following prescribed manner:

Under Section IV-A-1 entitled "General Residential District, Permitted Uses" delete subsection "e." in its entirety.

Under Section IV-A-2 entitled "General Residential District, Uses Permitted by Board of Appeals" delete subsection "d." in its entirety and insert in its place the following:

d. use of the premises or building thereon for home occupations, and/or accessory uses within the requirements of Section IV-F of this bylaw (Home Occupations).

Under Section IV-AA-1 entitled "Multi-Family Residential Districts, Permitted Uses" delete subsection "b." in its entirety and insert in its place the following:

d. deleted, and replace with "use of the premises or building thereon for home occupations, and/or accessory uses within the requirements of Section IV-F of this bylaw (Home Occupations).

1) After action was completed on Article 14, a motion to adjourn the meeting did not pass.

Vote — Majority No.

A motion was then introduced to reconsider Art. XIX.

Vote — Majority No.

Another motion to adjourn the meeting did not pass.

Vote — Majority No

Under Section IV-AA-2 entitled "Multi-Family Residential Districts, Uses Permitted by Board of Appeals" in the fourth paragraph of subsection "a.-2." delete the phrase "45 days" and insert in its place the following:

"35 days".

(Vote — Unanimous Yes)

(The original motion was amended by changing

under section d. and section b. the phrase "Section VI-F" to "Section IV-F".

This is due to a typographical error.

Vote on amendment-
Unanimous Yes)

Article XVI. Voted to amend the Zoning By-Law, as previously amended, in the following prescribed manner:

Under Section IV-B-1 entitled "Agricultural Districts, Permitted Uses" delete subsection "c." in its entirety and insert in its place the following:

c. Logging operations

d. Use of private lands, ponds, and streams for rental or lease to individuals for purposes of hunting and fishing, including raising and/or liberation of fish and game in conjunction with this use, the above to be conducted in conformance with state and federal regulations (if any) governing and controlling such use. Minimum lot and yard requirements pertaining to buildings in the Agricultural District shall apply to all buildings which are used or constructed under the provisions of this paragraph.

e. The raising, keeping or breeding of animals in conformation with Section VI-G. of this by-law.

Under Section IV-B-2 entitled "Agricultural Districts, Uses Permitted by Board of Appeals" in subsection "a." delete the words "riding stable".

Under Section IV-B-2 entitled "Agricultural Districts, Uses Permitted by Board of Appeals", delete subsection "e." in its entirety and insert in its place the following:

e. The conversion of native logs into saleable lumber, using either portable or permanent sawmills.

Under Section IV-B-2 entitled "Agricultural Districts, Uses Permitted by Board of Appeals" and subsection "i." add the following:

add, "use of the premises or building thereon for home occupations, and/or accessory uses within the requirements of Section IV-F of this bylaw (Home Occupation)

Under Section IV-B-2 add a new subsection as follows:

j. Veterinary hospitals, licensed kennels (four or more dogs, three months of age or older(, and riding stables.

(Vote — Unanimous Yes)

(Several amendments were proposed and acted upon as follows:)

#1- Under Section IV B-2 deleted the phrase "Section VI-F" and substituted the phrase "Section IV-F." This is due to a typographical error.

Vote — Unanimous Yes

#2- Under Section IV-B-2, e. the words, "using either portable or permanent sawmills" were added at the end of the sentence, thus reading " . . . into saleable lumber, using either portable or permanent sawmills". Also, under Section IV-B-2, j. the words "four or more dogs, three months of age" were added after the

phrase "licensed kennels", thus reading "veterinary hospitals, licensed kennels (four or more dogs, three months of age or older) and riding stables."

Vote — Unanimous Yes

#3- Proposed to delete subsection "e." under Section IV-B-2.

Vote — Majority No

#4- Proposed to delete the words "riding stables" from subsection j. under Section IV-B-2.

Vote — Majority No

Article XVii. Voted to amend the Zoning By-Law, as previously amended, in the following manner:

Under Section VII-A entitled "Administration, Enforcement" delete subsection "7." in its entirety, and insert in its place the following:

7. Any person or party who believes a violation of the provisions of this bylaw is occurring may notify the Zoning Enforcement Officer (Building Inspector) in writing. The correspondence must specify the locations and nature of the alleged violations.

The Building Inspector shall within fourteen days

(1) ascertain whether a violation exists, (2) notify the party requesting enforcement of any actions or refusal to act, and the reasons therefor, and (3) forward a copy of his correspondence to the Board of Selectmen. If the Building Inspector determines that a violation exists, he shall issue a cease and desist order, as described above.

Any person aggrieved by a decision of the Building Inspector may appeal to the Board of Appeals, as explained in Section VII-B of this bylaw.

The Board of Selectmen may impose a fine on the violator in an amount not to exceed One Hundred dollars for each offense. Each day that such violation continues shall constitute a separate offense. Any such fines to be enforceable through the Hampshire County Superior Court. The Board of Selectmen shall inform in writing, both the violator, and the party requesting enforcement, of the following within fourteen days:

(1) The findings of the Building Inspector

(2) The actions of the Board, and the reasons therefor.

(Vote — Unanimous Yes)

(The original motion was amended by inserting in paragraph 4 and under subsection 7. after the words "a separate offense.", add the sentence "Any such fines to be enforceable through the Hampshire County Superior Court.")

Vote on amendment —

Unanimous Yes)

Article XVII. Voted to amend the Zoning By-Law, as previously amended, in the following prescribed manner:

Under Section VII entitled "Administration" delete subsection "B. BOARD OF APPEALS" in its entirety, and in its place insert the following:

B. BOARD OF APPEALS

There is hereby established a Board of Appeals of 3 members and 3 Associate members to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen, as provided by Chapter 40A of the Massachusetts General Laws. The Board of

Appeals shall be the Special Permit granting authority. The Board of Appeals shall have the following powers:

1. Appeals — To hear and decide on an appeal taken by (1) any person aggrieved by reason of his inability to obtain a permit or enforcement action from any administrative officer under the provisions of Chapter 40A of the Massachusetts General Laws, (2) the Lower Pioneer Valley Regional Planning Commission or (3) any person including an officer or Board of the Town, or an abutting city or town, aggrieved by an order or decision of the Building Inspector or other administrative official, in violation of any provision of this bylaw or Chapter 40A of the Massachusetts General Laws.

2. Special Permits — To issue a special permit for an exception under the following conditions:

a. The Board of Appeals shall grant special permits which (1) are found not to be detrimental to the established or future character of the Town and the neighborhood; (2) will not nullify or substantially derogate from the intent or purpose of the Zoning District in which it is located; and (3) are in harmony with the general intent and purpose of this bylaw. Conditions, safeguards and limitations on time or use may be imposed when deemed appropriate.

b. All applications for special permits shall be made in writing on forms furnished by the Board of Appeals and located in the Town Clerk's Office and shall be accompanied by a plan indicating approximations of the following:

(1) Location of premises showing dimensions, abutting properties with name and address of owners, abutting and nearby streets and ways and the zoning of all properties shown.

(2) Location and dimensions of all proposed structures including signs and other advertising devices.

(3) Location and number of parking spaces and loading accommodations.

(4) Location of all wetlands, streams, and water bodies

(5) Pedestrian and vehicular circulation, with particular attention given to their safety, convenience, ingress and egress.

(6) Potentially hazardous situations involving the effects of noise, odor, glare or vibrations on properties in the area.

(7) Type and location of all proposed outdoor lighting.

(8) Where appropriate, the location and type of material proposed for buffers and screening.

(9) Topography

Misrepresentation of any of the required plan items, shall be cause to revoke a special permit.

c. In accordance with Chapter 40A Massachusetts General Law, an unanimous vote of the three (3) members of the Board shall be required in order to grant a special permit.

d. All special permits shall lapse within two (2) years from the date the permit was granted, unless substantial use or construction has commenced.

e. In the case of a lawful non-conforming use which exists on the effective date of this bylaw in a district where such uses require a special permit, such use shall be deemed to have received its special permit. Such permit shall be without limitations, except for those requirements which may have been imposed on said use on the effective date hereof.

f. The Board of Appeals shall submit one (1) copy of said applications and plan to the Planning Board and Board of Health for their review. Said Boards shall make recommendations as they deem appropriate and shall send copies thereof to the Board of Appeals in accordance with Chapter 40A, Section 11 Massachusetts General Laws.

g. If the requested use is within the Water Protection Zone, the applicant shall submit a determination of Applicability of the Wetlands Protection Act (Chapter 131, Section 40). If the determination has been made by the Conservation Commission that the terms of the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act are applicable, the Board of Appeals shall condition any special permit on the submission of an Order of Conditions, as described in that Act (Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 131, Section 40).

h. Special permits shall only be issued following a Public Hearing held in accordance with Chapter 40A, Massachusetts General Laws, Section 9 & 11.

i. No special permit may be authorized for a use or activity not generally permitted in the district in which the land or structure is located.

3. Variances — To authorize upon appeal, or upon petition with respect to particular land or structures a variance from the terms of this By-Law.

a. Such a variance shall be granted only if *all* of the following conditions have been met:

1) Circumstances exist that relate to the soil conditions, shape or topography of the land or structures and especially affect such land or structures but do not generally affect the zoning district in which it is located.

2) Literal enforcement of the By-Law will result in a substantial hardship, financial or otherwise.

3) That desirable relief may be granted without substantial detriment to the public good and without nullifying or substantially derogating from the intent or purpose of the By-Law.

b. All applications for variances shall be made in writing on forms furnished by the Board of Appeals and located in the Town Clerk's Office and shall be accompanied by a plan indicating the following:

1) Location of premises showing dimensions, abutting properties with owners name and address, abutting and nearby streets and ways and the zoning of all properties shown.

2) Location and dimension of all proposed structures.

c. If the rights authorized by the variance are not exercised within one (1) year from the date such variance was granted, they shall lapse and may be re-established according to Chapter 40A of the

Massachusetts General Laws.

d. Variances shall only be issued following a public hearing held in accordance with Chapter 40 A, Section 10 & 11 of the Massachusetts General Laws. and

Under Section VII entitled "Administration" delete subsection "c. AMENDMENT" in its entirety and insert in its place the following:

C. AMENDMENT

This By-Law may be amended at an Annual or Special Town Meeting in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 40A, Section 5 of the Massachusetts General Laws.

(Vote — Unanimous Yes)

(Several amendments were proposed and acted upon as follows:

#1- Proposed to delete, under Section 2., b., in the opening paragraph, the word "shall" as it appeared in "... Town Clerk's Office and shall be accompanied ...", and insert in its place the word "may".

Vote: Majority No

#2- Proposed to change the reference of "Board of Selectmen" in Article XVIII and in all the Zoning ByLaws to read "Selectboard".

Vote — Majority No

#3- Under Section B., 2., g., delete the words in the first sentence "If the requested use is with", to read "If the requested use is within ..."

Vote: Unanimous Yes

#4- Under Section B., 2., a., change "deregate" to "derogate" (to correct spelling error).

Vote — Unanimous Yes

A motion to reconsider Article VI was introduced —

Vote: Majority Yes

Article VI. Voted to amend the Zoning By-Law, as previously amended, in the following prescribed manner:

Under Section II entitled "DEFINITIONS" delete the paragraph in its entirety, and insert in its place the following:

SECTION II. DEFINITIONS

In this bylaw the following terms shall have the following meanings:

Building — any structure having a roof supported by columns or by walls and/or intended for the shelter, housing, or enclosure of persons, animals or chattel

Building Lot — an area of land with definite recorded boundaries, which contains a certain number of square feet and frontage as described in Section V of this bylaw (Intensity Regulations).

Dwelling — any structure or vehicle used for human habitation

Frontage — the linear extent of a lot measured along the street right of way from the intersection of one side lot line to the intersection of the other side of the same lot

Lot — an area of land with definite recorded boundaries

Street — an accepted public way (town, county or state), certified by the Town Clerk as maintained and used, or a way shown on a definitive plan of a sub-

division of land which has been approved by the Belchertown Planning Board and is on file at the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds.

(Vote — Unanimous Yes)

Meeting dissolved at 11:56 P.M.

Attest: George R. Bach, Town Clerk

Belchertown, Massachusetts
Settled — 1731 Incorporated — 1763
Hampshire County
GENERAL INFORMATION

Elections — 2nd Monday in April
Zip Code — 01007

Appropriations — 1st Monday in April
Town Hall Hours — Monday-Friday, 8:00-5:00

Tax Rate —		School Population	
General	\$ 7.72	Elementary	857
School	20.28	Jr. & Sr. High	570
	<u>\$28.00/\$1,000</u>		<u>1427</u>

ASSESSED VALUATION

	1978		1979
Real Estate	\$70,197,780.00	Real Estate	\$76,403,600.00
Personal Property	<u>2,649,645.00</u>	Personal Property	<u>2,932,980.00</u>
	<u>\$72,847,425.00</u>		<u>\$79,336,580.00</u>

Population 1975 State Census — 6,361
Present population estimated at over 8,000

Registered Voters:

PRECINCT A — Republican	515
Democrat	894
Independent	<u>1677</u>
	3086

PRECINCT B — Republican	29
Democrat	131
Independent	<u>232</u>
	393

ELEVATION: 613 ft. above sea level at Lawrence Memorial Hall.

LAND AREA: 56.7 miles

WATER AREA: 1,859.8 acres

ROAD MILEAGE: 107.32 (excluding state highways)

HIGHWAYS: Routes 9, 21, 181, U.S. 202

MAJOR BODIES OF WATER: Quabbin Reservoir, Lakes Metacomet, Arcadia, Holland, Knight's Reservoir.

MAJOR STREAMS: Swift River, Jabish, Broad, Lampson, Bachelor, Hop, Scarboro, and Roaring Brook.

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